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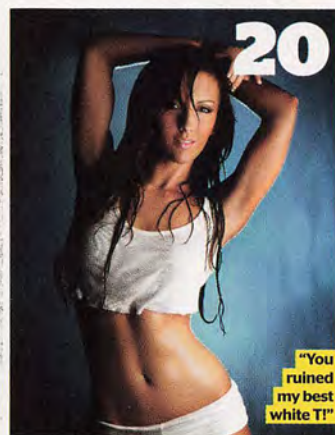


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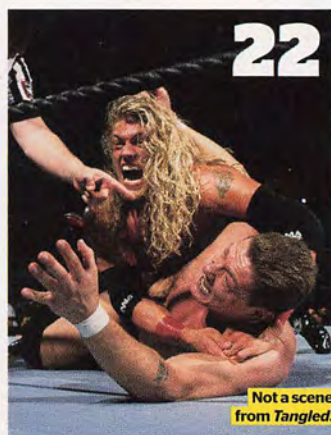
Yes, really! The Miz sat down with us for a serious chat about Alex Riley, his own career, and his emotional moment at *WrestleMania XXVII*.

Ladies, if he puts on Andrea Bocelli, run!!!



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"You ruined my best white T!"



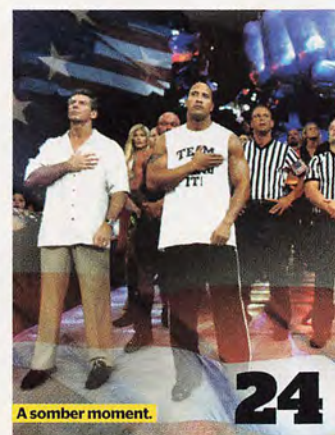
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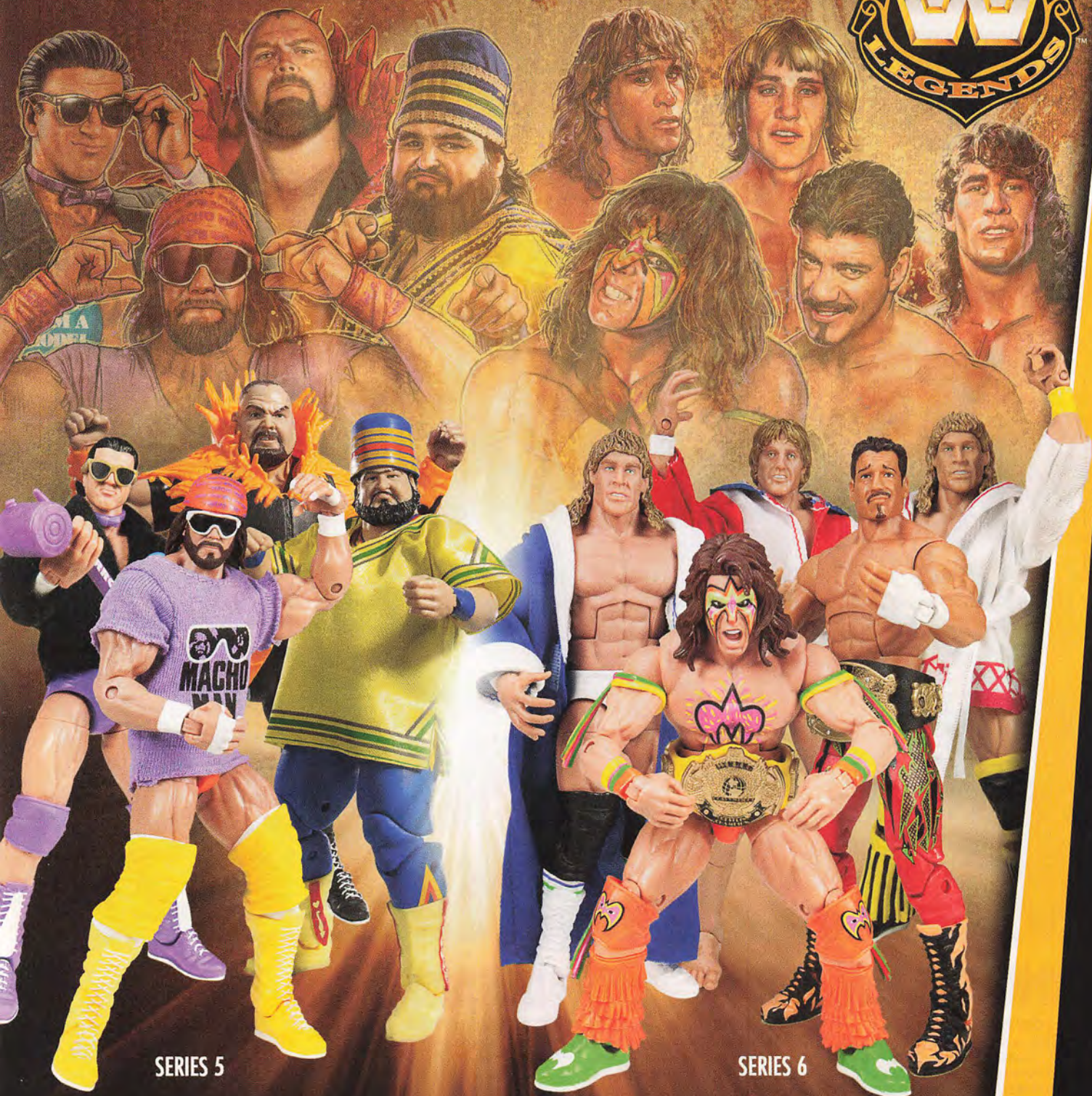
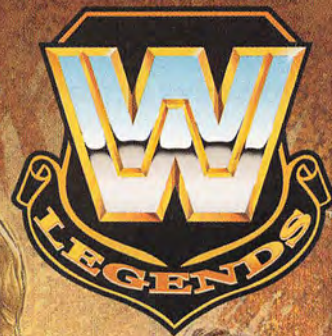
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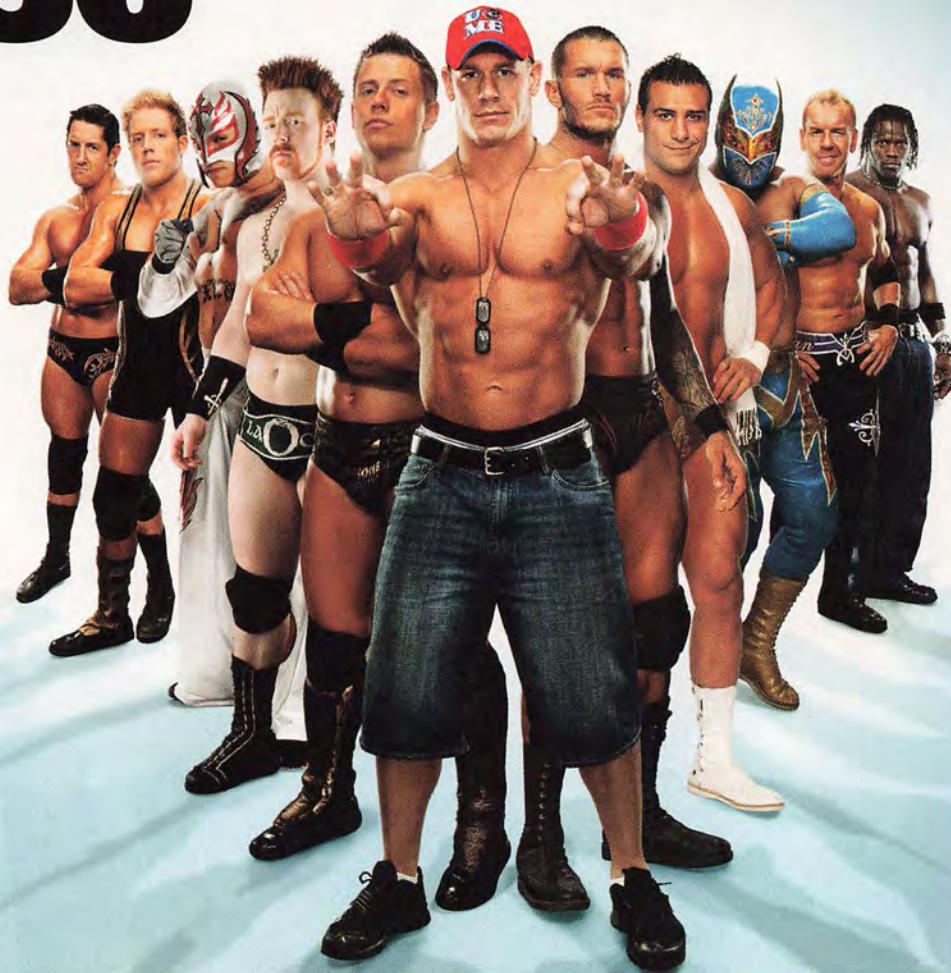


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Every Superstar.
Every rivalry.
Every piece of gossip.



101 AMAZING THINGS COMING TO WWE THIS FALL

Autumn's arrival not only signals a change in the colors of the leaves, but an entirely new season of awesomeness in WWE.



For us? Really? Awww, thanks Gail!



"Why won't this mask come off?!"



"I can see Toronto from here..."

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BOREDOM BUSTERS

SAVING GRACES

The things that got us through this issue.

1. Louie!

Comic Louis C.K.'s eponymous sitcom is back! The show has us doubling over with laughter... when it doesn't break us down over the state of the world.

2. Pennant Races!

Midsummer baseball has intensified the interoffice Yankees/Red Sox rivalry. Mets fans are (smartly) staying out of it.

3. Raw Roulette

We "borrowed" the Raw Roulette wheel for some office fun. The Editor-On-A-Pole Match? We contested it here first, folks!

4. Lollapalooza

All too many hours have been spent planning our trip to Second City for the popular summer music fest to catch

sets from young rockers Smith Westerns, as well as Tinie Tempah, whose "Written in the Stars" was the official theme song for *WrestleMania XXVII*.

5. Sabermetrics!

The film *Moneyball* inspired us to analyze complex grappler stats, trying to determine the most valuable Superstar. When Michael Cole starts crowing about a guy's VORG—Value Over A Replacement Grappler—you'll have us to thank.

6. Being Bros

We've been buying obscene amounts of self-tanner and gel to become Zack Ryder's "Broski of the Week." One editor even stole his girlfriend's Zumba toning sticks to give his fist pump that extra something.



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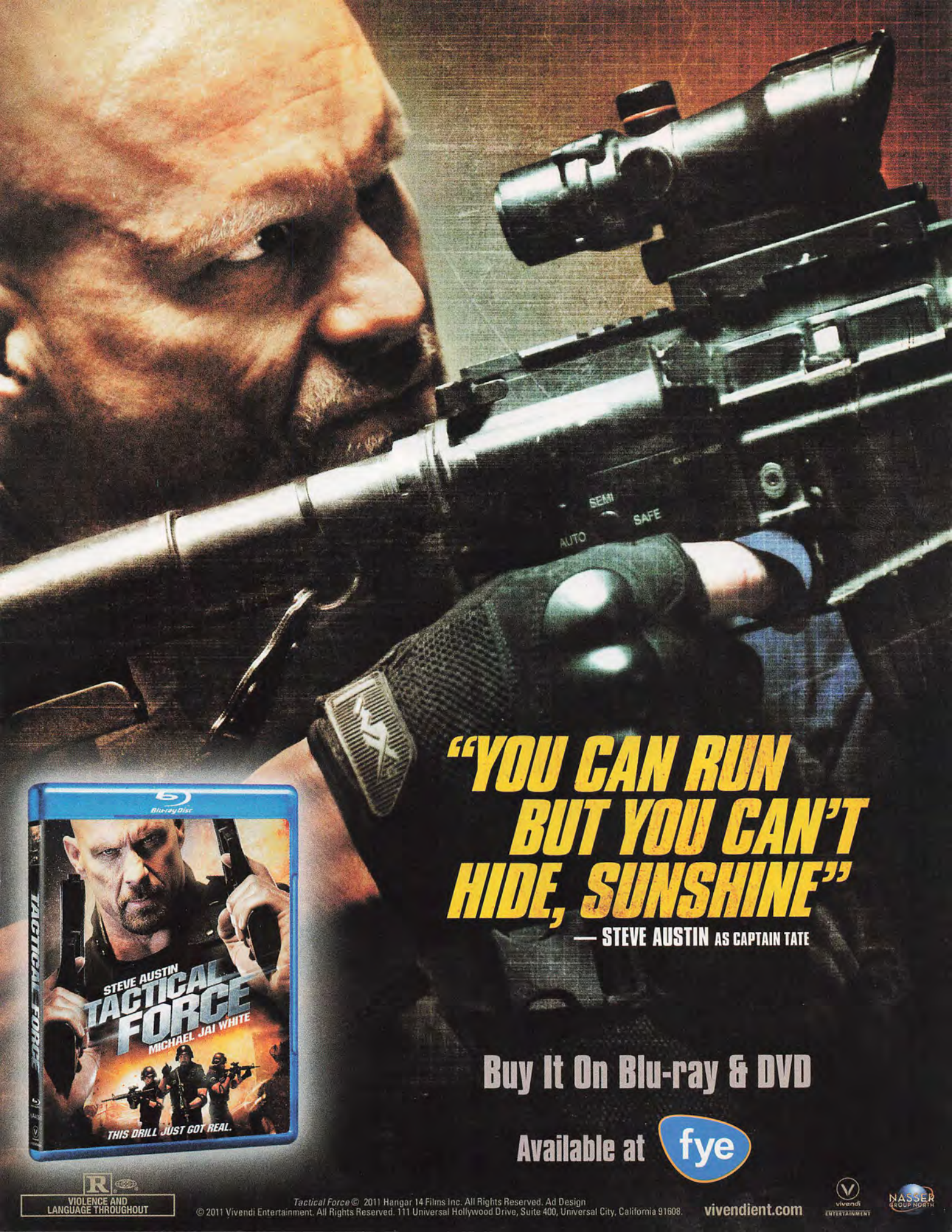


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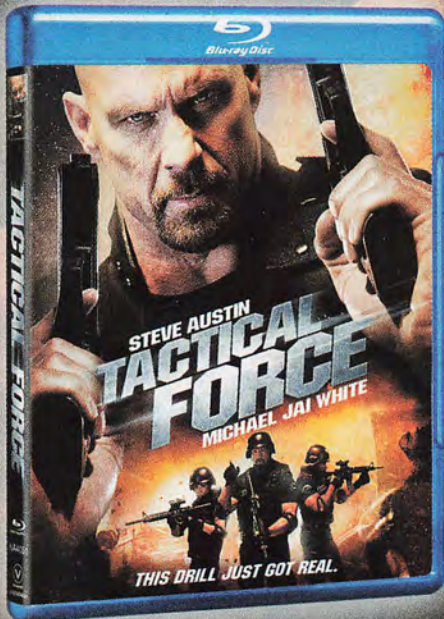
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RAW FOOTAGE

JUNE 27, 2011

RAW
SIN CARA

VS.

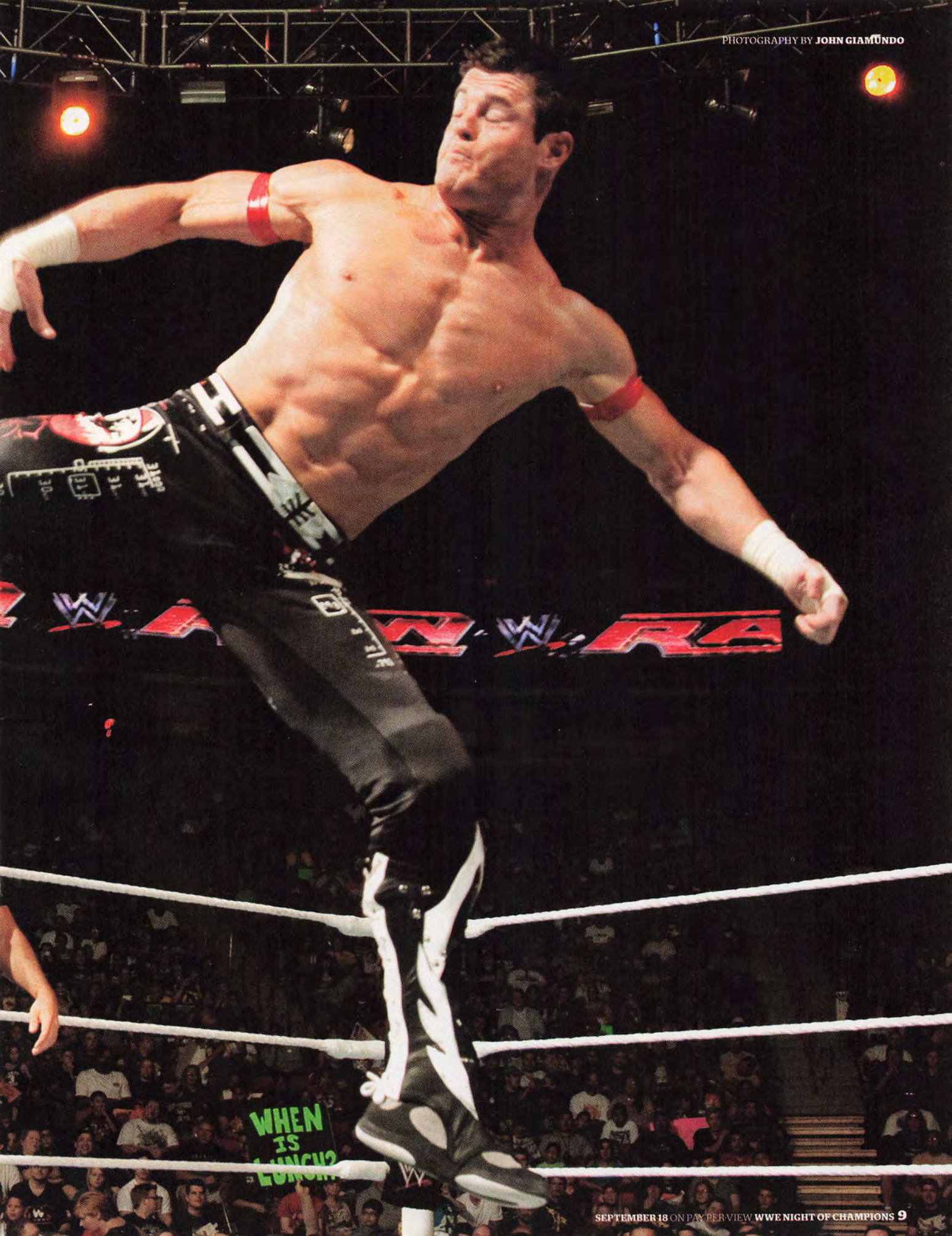
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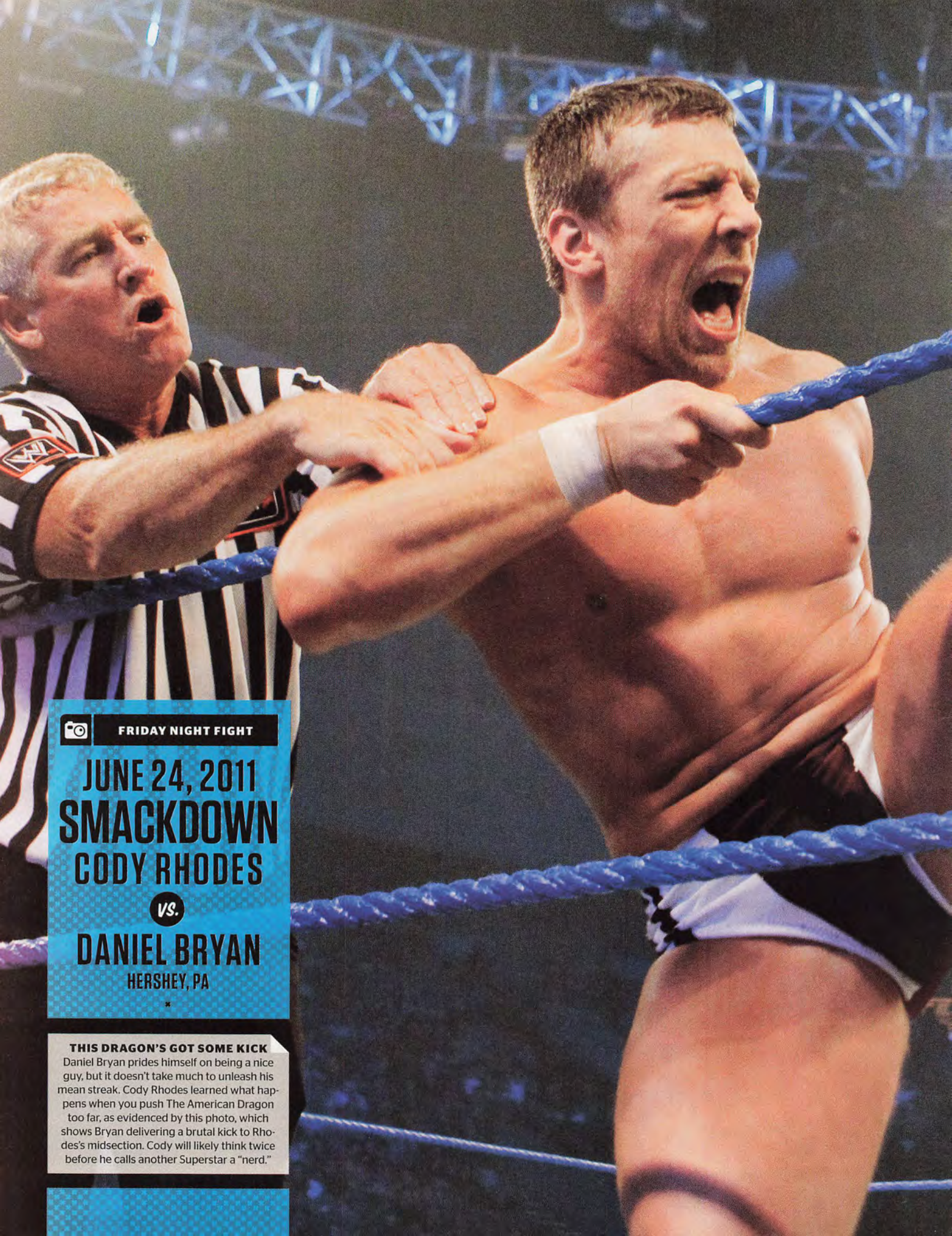
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AERIAL ASSAULT

From the moment Sin Cara debuted, leaping over the top rope as though shot from a cannon, the WWE Universe has been waiting for a Superstar to step forward and match him, move for move. Turns out that Superstar is Evan Bourne. During the "Raw Roulette" edition of the Monday night special, viewers were rewarded with this all-out air war. At bout's end, Sin Cara was victorious, after hitting his insane finisher. We can only hope we're witnessing the start of something big...







FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHT

**JUNE 24, 2011
SMACKDOWN
CODY RHODES**

VS.

DANIEL BRYAN
HERSHEY, PA

THIS DRAGON'S GOT SOME KICK

Daniel Bryan prides himself on being a nice guy, but it doesn't take much to unleash his mean streak. Cody Rhodes learned what happens when you push The American Dragon too far, as evidenced by this photo, which shows Bryan delivering a brutal kick to Rhodes's midsection. Cody will likely think twice before he calls another Superstar a "nerd."





CLASSIC MOMENT

SEPTEMBER 27,
1998
**BREAKDOWN:
IN YOUR
HOUSE**
STONE COLD

&

MR. McMAHON
HAMILTON, CANADA

RATTLESNAKE IN DISGUISE

Just before Austin's bout against Taker and Kane at *Breakdown*, Mr. McMahon attempted to force The Rattlesnake into a Cage Match against Mark Henry on *Sunday Night Heat*.

Austin let The Chairman know what he thought of that plan by disguising himself as one of the ring crew, surprising the boss and beating him senseless. Later, McMahon would exact revenge by stripping Austin of the title.



600

Times CM Punk claimed to have defeated Rey during their rivalry. The New Nexus leader was cutting a promo during the 6/6/11 edition of *Raw* at the time. It appears that The Second City Saint is prone to hyperbole...

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Price, in dollars, of the white "bomber gloves" from Fox Head Sports—*shop.foxhead.com*—Rey Mysterio wears in this photo. The motocross clothing manufacturer launched in 1974—the same year Rey was born.

BY THE NUMBERS



JUNE 19, 2011 WWE CAPITOL PUNISHMENT

CM PUNK

VS.

REY MYSTERIO

WASHINGTON, DC

THE ULTIMATE GRUDGE MATCH

CM Punk has had an axe to grind almost from the first time he stepped inside a WWE ring. From his incessant proselytizing regarding the virtues of the Straight Edge lifestyle to his embittered rant that brought the 6/27/11 edition of *Raw* to a grinding halt, Punk has proved to be a master of malcontent. This bout against Mysterio was one of the few bright spots of 2011 for him, however. Pinning Rey at *WWE Capitol Punishment* just days after beating John Cena, Punk showed he was indeed a force to be reckoned with.

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Actual losses Rey Mysterio has suffered at the hands of CM Punk during their rivalry in singles competition, starting from 2008's *Armageddon* and culminating in this match at *WWE Capitol Punishment*.

1981

Year the D.C.-based hardcore band Minor Threat released the song, "Straight Edge," on its debut EP. The track is credited with giving the name to the Straight Edge movement, characterized by the eschewal of drugs and alcohol—a philosophy to which CM Punk subscribes.

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Number of six-pointed stars on the municipal flag of Chicago. Each star represents a piece of the city's history. The Straight Edge Superstar adorns his ring gear with these emblems as a nod to his beloved hometown.

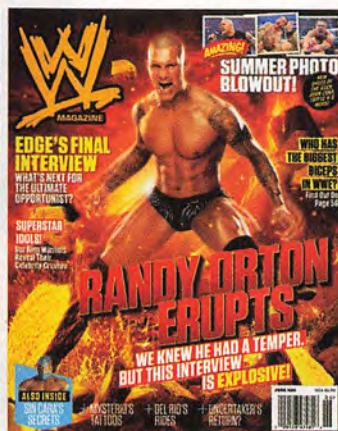


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Cell Connections

Undertaker and Triple H are the rulers of Hell in a Cell. Spy a look at their careers inside Satan's Structure.

* LINKS IN THE CHAIN

Triple H and Undertaker's connection to the Hell in a Cell stip extends deep into its 14-year history. They are so ingrained in the match's lore that you can trace every singles bout contested in the Structure back to The Phenom and The Game.

LEGEND

Victory

Defeat

No Contest

TRIPLE H

CHRIS JERICO

JUDGMENT DAY 2002

HBK

BADD BLOOD 2004 BADD BLOOD 1997

BATISTA

VEN-GEANCE 2005 SURVIVOR SERIES 2007

KANE

HELL IN A CELL 2010 RAW IS WAR 1998

KEVIN NASH

BADD BLOOD 2003

JOHN CENA

HELL IN A CELL 2009

SHEAMUS

HELL IN A CELL 2010



THE GOLD HOLDERS

RECORD REIGNS

A true champion not only wins lots of gold—he retains it, too! Who's clung to the WWE Championship the longest (and shortest) in a singlerun?

DAYS AS CHAMPION



BRUNO SAMMARTINO

2,803 DAYS



BOB BACKLUND

2,135 DAYS



HULK HOGAN

1,474 DAYS



PEDRO MORALES

1,027 DAYS



JOHN CENA

380 DAYS

BROCK LESNAR

NO MERCY
2002



FACT!
The only two Superstars to defeat Undertaker in singles competition in 2010 were Kane and Chris Jericho.

EDGE

SUMMER SLAM
2008



→ A reliable source told me that WWE has been billed in excess of \$7,500 for dressing-room mirrors shattered by an angry Cody Rhodes.

→ Several Divas and Superstars were seen backstage congratulating an emotional Kharma. Others, however, kept their distance.

→ Backstage at WWE Over The Limit, onlookers were shocked when a brawl erupted between Wade Barrett and Ezekiel Jackson!

→ Barrett called Heath Slater an "imbecile" in the August issue of WWE Magazine. We'd tell you what Heath said about him, but we can't print it!

→ I hear a top-level, WWE Hall of Fame-bound Superstar suggested that Natalya use the double sharpshooter at 2010's WWE TLC.

→ Pity the poor parking attendant who returned Alberto's car with a ding on the door. We didn't know there were that many curses in Spanish!

MICK FOLEY

NO WAY OUT
2000

RAW IS WAR
1998

KING of THE RING
1998



UNDERTAKER

CM PUNK

HELL IN A CELL
2009



RANDY ORTON

ARMAGEDDON
2005



BIG BOSS MAN

WRESTLEMANIA XV
1999



* SINGLES BOUTS ONLY



The InformER

When it comes to WWE gossip, I'm full of it!

→ During a recent photo shoot, a Superstar demanded that the makeup artist stop touching up the Divas and focus her attention on him!

→ Would a certain A-list Hollywood celeb please stop calling our offices in hopes of landing a Raw guest-star slot? You had your chance already, pal!

→ Two icons who've been away from WWE for a while were recently spotted chatting about old times in catering at a live event.

→ While on a recent road trip, we heard that a certain Superstar was left at the airport by his companions & forced to ride to the arena with crowd-members!

→ Which Superstar demands a plate of Oreo cookies in his/her dressing room with all the top halves removed? It's not who you'd think.

→ A source tells us that The Rock isn't the only Attitude Era Superstar planning to step in the ring in 2012. Hint: There's an "E" in his name.



RANDY SAVAGE

371
DAYS



SHAWN MICHAELS

231
DAYS



THE MIZ

160
DAYS



ANDRE THE GIANT

45
SECONDS

Sexy OF THE MONTH! Superfan

Meet the latest contender in our search for the hottest female WWE fan!

✖ This Second City Superfan has dreams of rock glory, but can she get through this quiz without hitting any sour notes? Begin!


1. Who was the first woman to win the Divas Championship?
"Michelle McCool." 

2. What's the title of Kofi Kingston's current entrance theme?
"S.O.S." 

3. What do Michael Hayes, Armando Estrada and Matt Striker have in common?
"All have managed Tyson Kidd." 

4. Who was the last entrant in the 2011 Royal Rumble Match?
"Kane." 

5. What is the meaning behind the name Triple H?
"Hunter Hearst Helmsley." 

6. David Otunga first won WWE Tag Team gold with whom?
"John Cena." 

7. Whom did they defeat?
"ShowMiz!" False, Drew & Cody! 

8. Of the following, who did *not* appear at *WMIII*: Hulk Hogan, Ricky Steamboat, Dusty Rhodes?
"Dusty Rhodes." 

9. In which 2001 movie did The Rock make his film debut?
"The Mummy Returns." 

10. Who were the final three in this season's *Tough Enough*?
"Luke, Jeremiah, Andy." 

FACT!

The Allstate Arena, in Illinois, is one of only two venues that have hosted The Show of Shows on three separate occasions!

VITALS



Name
Amanda O.
Age 23
Occupation
Entertainer
Status Taken
Hometown
Chicago, IL

9 OUT OF 10!

"ShowMiz! How'd I miss that one?!"
Don't feel bad, Amanda—you put on a great performance! You're not quite at the top, but you can rock on as this month's...

SUPERFAN!



HEY, FEMALE READERS! Are you sexier or more WWE-savvy than Amanda? Send a snapshot of yourself to MAGAZINE@WWE.COM. See P76 for details.



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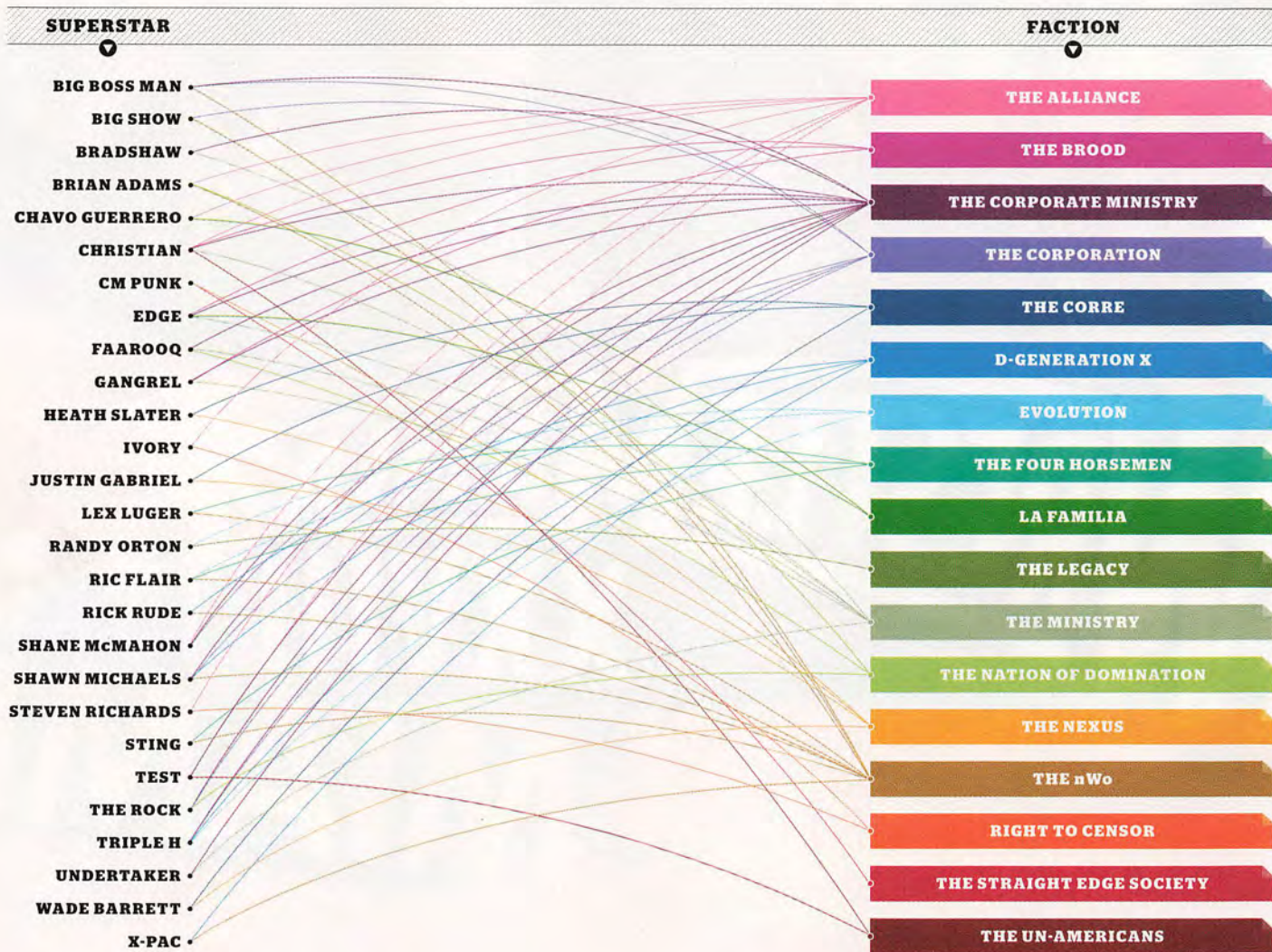
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Stable Swapping

✖ Factions have long been a part of the WWE landscape, from The Four Horsemen to The Corre. In fact, they're so popular that Superstars have been known to jump from one stable to another with near-metronomic regularity. Take a look at the make-ups and breakdowns of some of WWE's most famous grappler groups.

We outline the many connections that zig-zag and criss-cross WWE's numerous bands of brothers.



MY MOST UNDERRATED MATCHES

Superstars reveal the lesser-known bouts they hold in high esteem. This month: **William Regal**

1

vs. Psicosis
Nitro, 12/16/96
"It was an 18-minute match that left everyone wrung out."

2

vs. Edge
Yokohama Arena, 3/1/02
"Great Muta was in the front row. He gave us a standing ovation."

3


vs. Christian
WWE Breaking Point, 9/13/09
"Christian and I enjoyed a great rivalry, and this was a highlight."

STAT SLAM

Longest number of days any Superstar has held the WWE Championship in the past decade. The champ? John Cena.

Even his
tongue is tied
for a change.

Jerk Of The Month

 Every 30 days we interrogate Superstars about their crimes against humanity. The accused: **Ricardo Rodriguez.**

The Charge

MALICIOUS IMPERSONATION

During the 6/6/11 edition of *Raw*, you came out dressed as Big Show, scarfing a hot dog and grunting like an animal. This was a slanderous and unflattering portrayal of a decorated former World Champion.

The Defense

"I disagree! That was a very accurate portrayal of Big Show. Alberto and I are great admirers of his work, and we felt this was a very honest picture of the man. Really, when you think about it, what we were doing was an *homage*, a tribute to Big Show. He should be flattered. To anyone who was insulted, I would tell them to shut their mouths. I know Big Show. They don't!"

The Charge

CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE

While behind the wheel of Alberto Del Rio's car, you accidentally ran over The World's Largest Athlete, injuring him so badly that his career was nearly put on ice.

The Defense

"It wasn't intentional! I was simply trying to park Del Rio's car when I heard a great commotion. I got scared, and ending up hitting the gas instead of the brake, and Big Show just happened to be there. If anything, it is he who should be charged with jaywalking!"

The Charge

AGGRAVATED INTERFERENCE

During Alberto Del Rio's matches, you often meddle with the in-ring action. What's the deal? Your boss can't fight his own battles?

The Defense

"Alberto Del Rio is more than my boss—he's my friend. And I will do whatever it takes to make sure he stays at the top. Imagine that Del Rio is the President and I am the Secret Service. I'll put myself in harm's way to protect him."

VERDICT

BOOK HIM!

In English or Spanish, this microphone-wielding sycophant definitely is an "R"-rolling jerk!

RICARDO
RODRIGUEZ
VAN NUYS CA
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America's Superstars

Ten years ago, *SmackDown* dared to go live just two days after the terrorist attacks of 9/11. We look back on that historic night.



X In the wake of the horrific terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, WWE was there to help a shocked, stunned nation stand up and reclaim its pride.

Two days following the tragedy, *SmackDown* aired live from Houston before a capacity crowd ready to show its support for a grieving country. "Being a part of *SmackDown* on September 13th, the first public assembly after 9/11, was truly a humbling experience," recalls

Stephanie McMahon. "I will never forget the beginning of the show, when we went live on the air. I felt my throat tighten, my eyes well with tears, and my heart beating in my ears as I listened to 10,000 people chant, 'USA.'"

The evening began with Mr. McMahon coming down to the ring and stirring Houston's pride and passion with his words. "We will fight," he told them. "We will fight for our families, we will fight for our rights,

and we will fight for our great nation. America's heart has been wounded, but her spirit shines as a beacon of freedom—a beacon of freedom that never has been, nor ever will be extinguished!"

It was a bold move for WWE, putting on a show as the country was still reeling from the horrors of 9/11. But bold moves are what WWE was built on, and the Superstars there that night felt it was their job and mission to entertain the people and ease their worries, even for a moment. "I think we were all scared, confused, and angry," Stephanie remembers. "But once the show started, our message was clear: We were proud to be Americans—and no one was going to take away our freedom."

"I felt my throat tighten, my eyes well with tears, and my heart beating in my ears as I listened to 10,000 people chant, 'USA.'"

→STEPHANIE MCMAHON



IN THEIR WORDS...

SUPERSTARS RECALL 9/11

Grapplers discuss stepping into the ring just days following the tragic attacks against our nation.



Christian

"I remember being emotional, and feeling a sense of pride that we were going to go out there, put on a great show and entertain people—to take their minds off the tragedy. We were going to go out and continue to be strong."



William Regal

"I had seen a lot of tragedy before, growing up in England with the IRA bombings, and so I came there that night with a different perspective. I remember saying how people would come together, because I'd seen it before."



Bill DeMott

"It was surreal to be away from home during something like that, but I was proud that we could do our part and give back to the people that night. If I had to be somewhere in the midst of all that, I'm glad I was there with WWE."

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The Wall Of Champions

We take you deep inside Titan Tower for an exclusive, one-time-only look at our hallway of heroes, where current WWE titleholders are celebrated.

✕ On the fourth floor of WWE Headquarters, directly outside The Chairman's office, every current singles champion is commemorated. Along the corridor's wall, backlit photos of the champions are displayed like blockbuster movie posters—but only for as long as each Superstar or Diva holds the gold—which means we were exposed to **The Miz's** self-satisfied mug for way too much of 2011. For many Superstars, landing a spot on the fabled "Wall of Champions" is an honor on par with winning the gold itself. Just ask newly minted Divas Champ Kelly Kelly...



"THE FIRST TIME I VISITED TITAN TOWER, I WAS PROBABLY 20 YEARS OLD, AND EVERY TIME I WALKED BY THAT WALL, I WOULD SEE TRISH STRATUS OR MELINA UP THERE AND THINK, 'I WISH THAT WAS ME!' AND NOW, I'M UP ON THAT WALL!"



FACT!
With her win during the 6/20/11 edition of Raw, Kelly Kelly became the 10th Divas Champion.

The best there is...



BIG MISTAKE

GAG REEL

WWE Video Historian Eddie Miguez unearths this forgotten footage.

MAY 4, 2010

Hustling through an obstacle course on **WWE NXT**, Darren Young sought to prove himself. But, as the future Nexus member vaulted into the ringside area, the top of the wall gave way, sending him to the floor!



Trying to make an impression on his Pro, CM Punk, Young pushes himself.



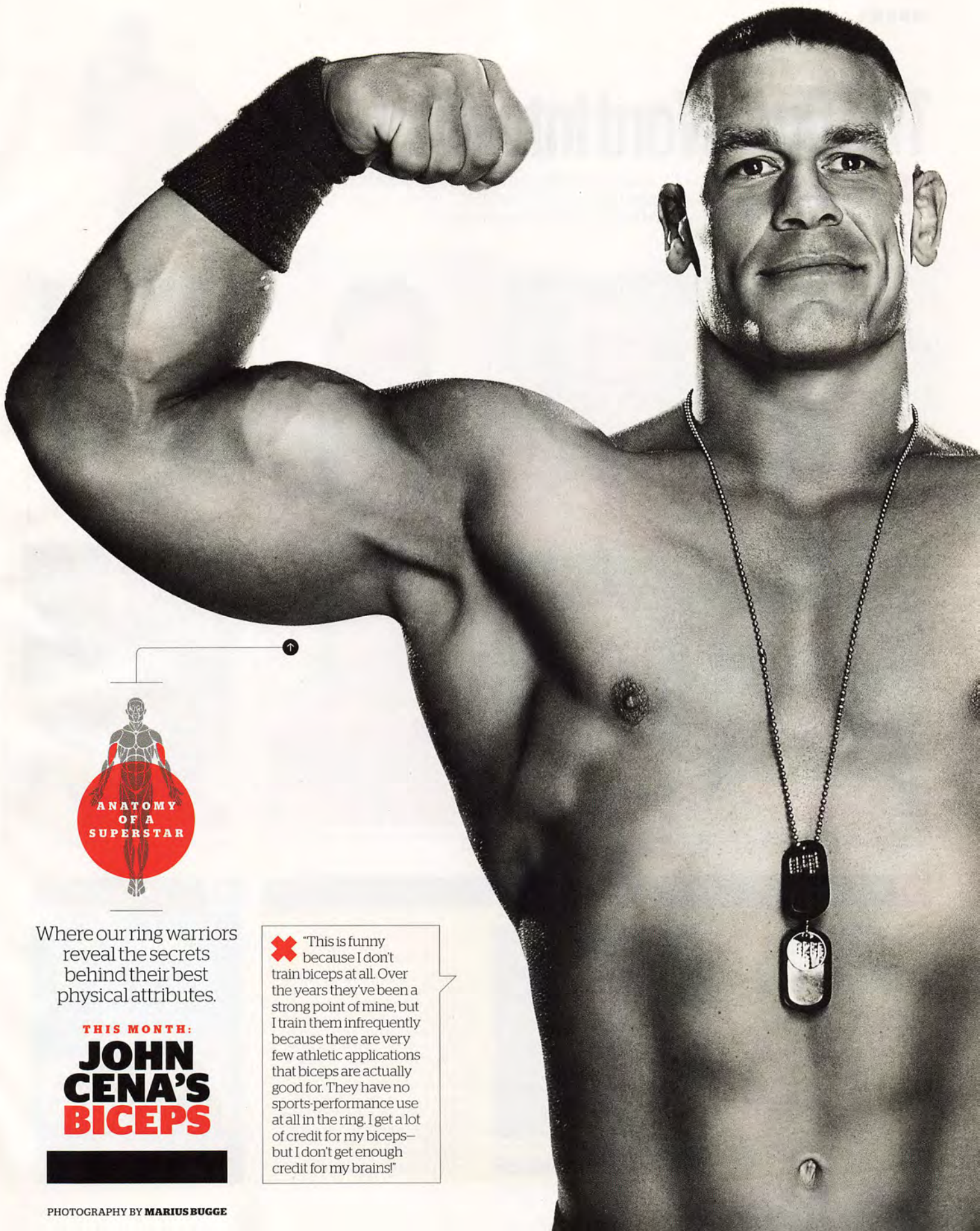
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Despite being out of time, Young looks to finish strong with a leap.



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Denied! The security wall is not secure—and down Young goes.



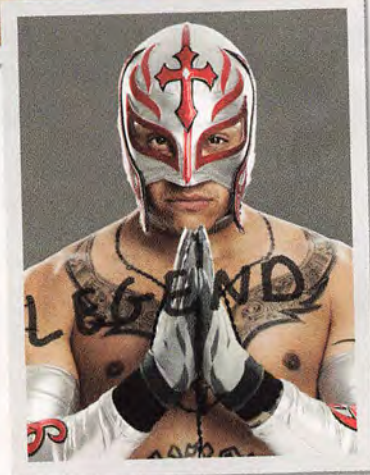
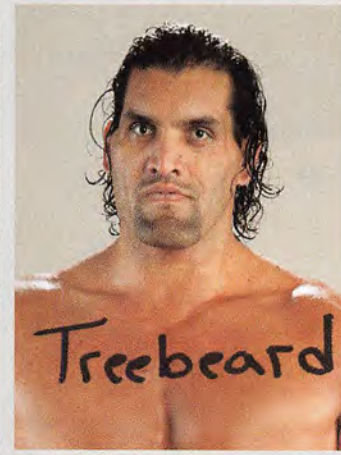
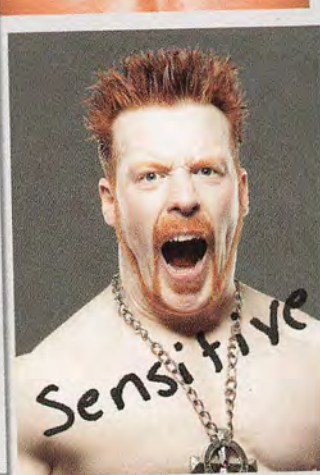
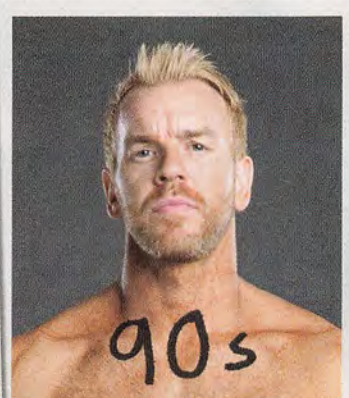
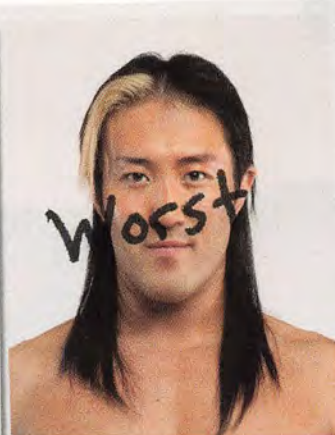
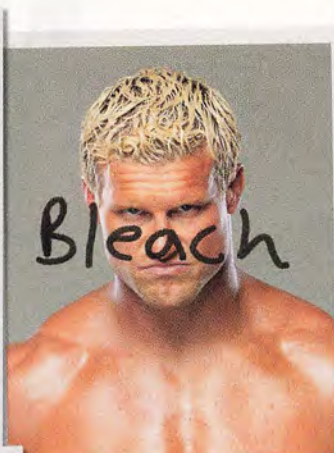
Where our ring warriors reveal the secrets behind their best physical attributes.

THIS MONTH:
JOHN CENA'S BICEPS

✖ "This is funny because I don't train biceps at all. Over the years they've been a strong point of mine, but I train them infrequently because there are very few athletic applications that biceps are actually good for. They have no sports-performance use at all in the ring. I get a lot of credit for my biceps—but I don't get enough credit for my brains!"

The One-Word Interview

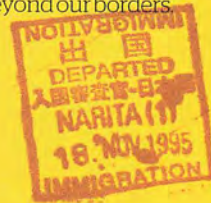
A picture may be worth a thousand words, but we only needed one from **Cody Rhodes**. We showed the former "Dashing One" 14 photos of his peers and asked him to sum them up in a single remark.



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Ric Flair and Shawn Michaels defined their promotions, with HBK as the rule-defying Showstopper and The Nature Boy as the stylin' and profilin' Horseman who could wrestle an hour without breaking a sweat. So it came as no surprise when a fickle Japanese audience erupted as these two icons faced off during *Raw* in the city of Saitama. From Shawn flipping Ric Flair over his shoulder to the spontaneous applause greeting Flair's Figure Four (and HBK's picture-perfect reversal), this classic bout from the Far East is far out.



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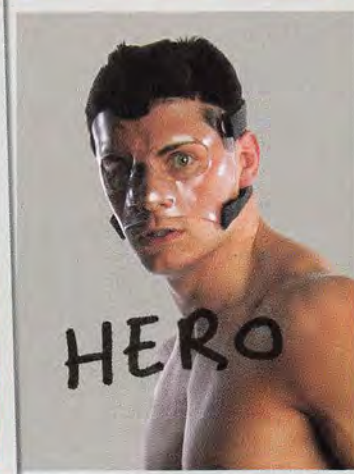
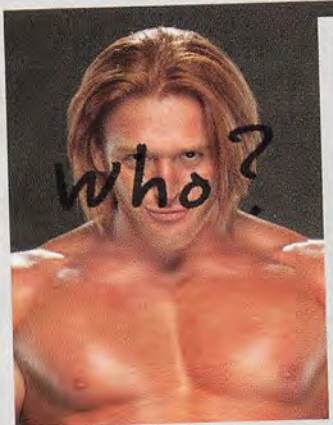
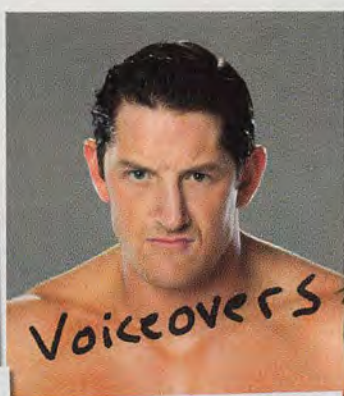
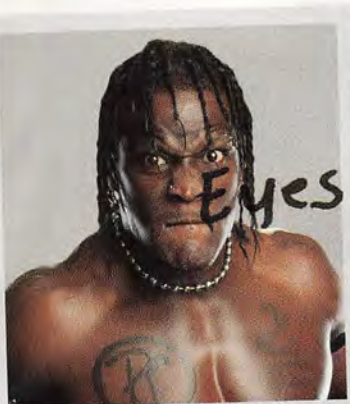
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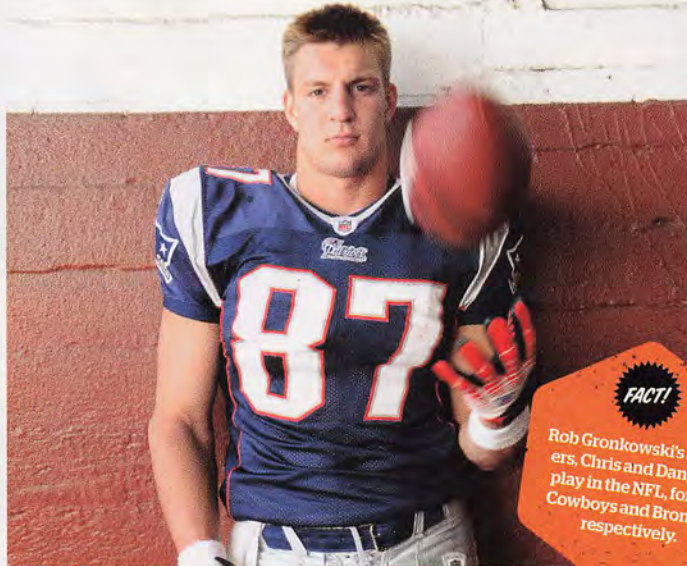
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STRAIGHT-EDGE SERMON

We asked the WWE Universe to describe CM Punk's rant during the 6/27/11 Raw in one word. Here's what you had to say.

Extraordinary
Historic
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Memorable
Unpredictable
Controversial
Astonishing
Mysterious
Powerful
Surprising
Epic
Vintage
Horrible
Awesome
Compelling
Revolutionary
Disgraceful
Disturbing



FACT!

Rob Gronkowski's brothers, Chris and Dan, also play in the NFL, for the Cowboys and Broncos, respectively.



STAR-STRUCK

CELEBRITY FAN OF THE MONTH

New England Patriots Tight End **Rob Gronkowski** discusses his golf outing with The Miz, his not-so-secret Superstar aspirations, and his words of warning for The Nexus.

✖ You recently Tweeted a photo of you playing golf with The Miz during a charity game at the Travelers Pro-Am in June. What was it like golfing with the former WWE Champ?
The Miz and I were actually in a foursome with Joe Pesci and Vaughn Taylor—a pretty great group. I found out The Miz was going to be there a few days before the event, so I was stoked to play with him. We decided that we're going to form a tag team and go after the gold.

Does The Miz have "awesome" skills on the links?

The rain cut short our game after nine holes, but he's alright. He hit some good shots every once in a while, but I'd say that we're just about as good as any two guys who don't go out golfing regularly. I think he's going to stick to the ring, and I'll stick to the field.

My favorites growing up were D-Generation X, Billy Gunn and Jesse James—those guys were great. They were always hyped up, going crazy. I loved their moves, and I'd always mimic that "crotch-chop" gesture.

Do you still get to keep up with today's Superstars?

Sure, when I can. I'm definitely a John Cena guy. And I can't stand The Nexus. I don't like all the cheap shots. When the Gronk comes at you, I promise you'll see me coming.

"The Gronk" could be a great Superstar name! Ever consider stepping in the ring?

Totally. I'd wrestle how I play. I'm in "beast mode" all the time. If I were in the ring, it'd be the same way. Just "beasting people," hitting body slams, dropping elbows, going off the top rope.

How long have you been a WWE fan?

Ever since I can remember. When I was younger, I would go all the time. I grew up in Buffalo and my dad would bring us to all the wrestling matches when WWE came to town.

"I'D WRESTLE HOW I PLAY... IN 'BEAST MODE'... HITTING BODY SLAMS, DROPPING ELBOWS, GOING OFF THE TOP ROPE."

You're one of five brothers—what would a WWE stable of Gronkowskis look like?

We're all goofs—but we're also big and fast dudes. So if you can imagine a DX-style group with five Big Shows in it, that would be "The Gronks."



M

iz, how has your life changed since you won your first WWE Championship?

It's nonstop, all day, *every* day. I'm one of those people who wants all the interviews. I want *all* of the TV spots, because I know that I can do them the best. It was weird, because when I won the title, I don't think WWE expected the media blitz that happened. *Us Weekly* came to us, MTV, ESPN and G4. These are spots that we don't normally get, but people wanted to talk about me. Conan O'Brien worked out well. TMZ worked out well. G4 worked out well. Name any show. Jimmy Fallon worked out well.

You seem to go nonstop. Do you ever sleep?

I had a great night of sleep yesterday, which is weird because I never sleep well. We stayed at the Holiday Inn. I love the Holiday Inn, by the way. But I very rarely sleep. I don't ever stop, because if I stop, I get bored—and if I get bored, I feel like I'm not doing anything with my life.

You held the WWE Title for 160 days—longer than Edge, Batista or Eddie Guerrero. How did you make your mark with this reign?

The way I made my mark with that title was that

everyone wanted me to lose it every single time I contested a match. No matter whom I was up against in the ring, the WWE Universe wanted me to lose. When I fought Jerry "The King" Lawler—a 60-year-old man—they wanted me to lose. They wanted me to lose against John Morrison and against Randy Orton. They wanted me to lose against John Cena. I didn't—until recently. But I beat them all. Every top Superstar who tried to take the title away—I outsmarted them. They always called Ric Flair "The Dirtiest Player in the Game." Well, I think I'm one of the "Smartest Players in the Game." Even though



The Miz

ALONE AT THE TOP

Never at a loss for words, The Awesome One answers our every question about demeaning former protégé Alex Riley, rocking the TV talk show circuit, and tearing up during the main event at this year's *WrestleMania*.

BY JOHN MIHALY
PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARIUS BUGGE

I'm not the biggest person in the ring, you know I can win because I've got something up my sleeve.

How did you celebrate winning the WWE Championship? We're imagining an Oscars-like after-party with lots of glitz and glamour.

No—actually, I won the title and I went to Denny's. We were in Orlando, and that was the only place open by the time we got out of the building. I know exactly what I had. They have this new tangy barbecue chicken on a skillet. I won't lie, it was really good. I enjoyed it a great deal.

Is there an audience in any city in the United States—or even the world, for that matter—that actually cheers on The Miz?

I don't know. I haven't been back to Cleveland in probably two years, so I'm curious to see how my hometown receives me. I think that would be the only time I would ever get cheered. But it would go like this: "And, from Cleveland, Ohio..." "Yay!" "The Miz!" "Boo!"—which I don't mind.

You must have heard some polite cheers in Atlanta last April. After all, you contested the

main-event match at *WrestleMania XXVII* along with The Rock and John Cena...

This is something I've never told anyone. When Cena's entrance music was going, eight of my best friends were all in the front row. These were the guys who would come over to my house in the late '90s and watch every pay-per-view with me. We would always sit there eating pizza and cupcakes and drinking pop. Showing them the title and being able to see them there chanting, "This is awesome!" was, well, pretty awesome.

You seemed to tear up a little bit as you walked the ramp at *WrestleMania*. What was going through your egomaniacal head?

Really? I was soaking it all in. I'm one of those people who wears his emotions on his sleeve. I'm not afraid to tear up or show the emotion that it took to get there. It's real. It's something that happens to everybody. I don't care if you're the toughest guy in the world—when something happens that everyone told you never would, you're going to feel it. Those are emotions that I allow the crowd to feel. Oh, and by the way, I walked out of *WrestleMania XXVII*, the main event, as a bad guy who won. Bad guys *never* win the main event at *Mania*, but I did.

Growing up as a fan of WWE, it shouldn't have come as a surprise when Alex Riley turned on you—just as Virgil turned on Ted DiBiase. So we have to ask, did you teach him everything you know or hold back in case of a betrayal?

Listen: Alex Riley didn't deserve to know everything. He was one big disappointment. He was one big failure. I told him what to do every time he hit the ring. I made game plans for him, but he never stuck to them. He would never listen. He's hardheaded. It goes in one ear and out the other. He's turned his back on me and pulled a "Virgil," and now I'm going to show him why I'm the biggest star in WWE. He's fortunate, really, because any time you step in the ring with The Miz, I elevate your star power.

FACT: Alex Riley has the sweetest entrance music—"Say It To My Face"—to debut in the past five years. How does that sit with you?

FICTION! It's by Downstait, the same band that sings my song, so I find it incredible that Alex Riley went out and recruited them! He just wants to be like me. If you look at him now, he wears a suit, talks like me, acts like me, and he's probably going to try to execute the same maneuvers as me. If you watched *Raw* closely, you noticed that he sucker-punched me. That's straight out of my book. He's trying to be me, but you can't be me.

Finally, and this has been eating at us for years, do you think kids get bummed out on birthdays or on holidays when they unwrap a gift only to find your action figure inside?

I think my action figure is the greatest gift any kid could hope to get. I'm sure they all scream, "Yes!" when they unwrap it. By the way, whenever I'm at an autograph signing, and a kid brings up my action figure, I tell him I'll sign it...but only if he promises me that the action figure will never, ever lose to another action figure. This way, I'll remain undefeated in playrooms everywhere!

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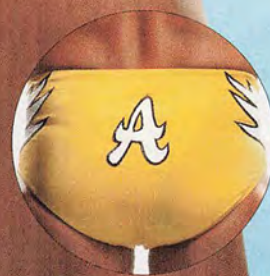


WWE's Battle Gear

What inspires the attire the Superstars wear above and below the belt? **Alberto Del Rio** explains the logic behind his vintage look.

Classic Trunks

"The gold in my trunks represents money. Gold is universally known throughout the world as something that has value, and the white hints at something very pure. This set is actually different from my Mexican ring gear. In Mexico, I always packed a huge bag because I carried different boots, tights, capes and masks. Now, I'm just wearing trunks, which means a lot less for Ricardo to carry."



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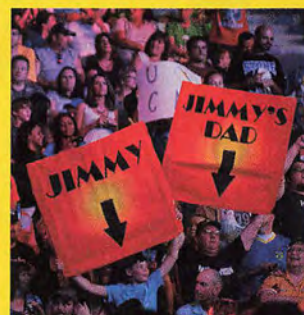
This top-rope slingshot cross-body maneuver is good for an easy 14 points. Be prepared to offer a definition!

S U P L E X

If you're looking to drop an "X," bust out this mat-slamming move and walk away with 15 points.



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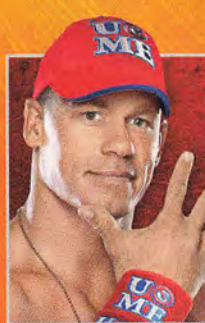
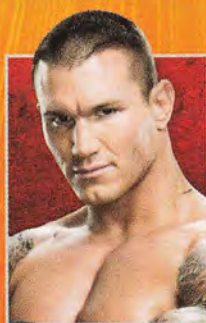
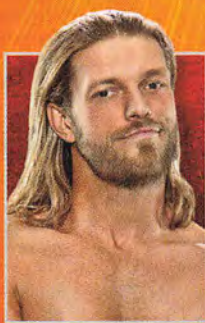
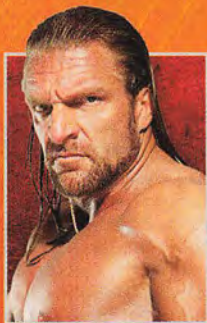
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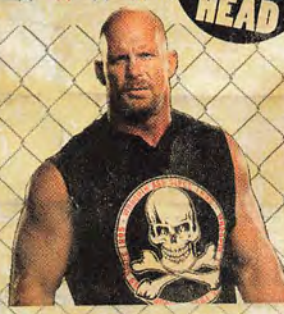
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6'10" ★ 299 LBS.
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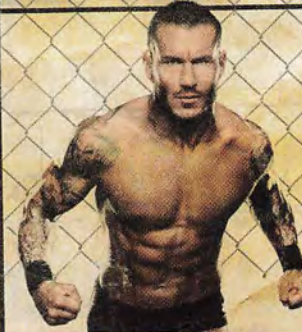
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SIX SUPERSTARS ENTER. ONE LEAVES!

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HELL IN A CELL



FANTASY WARFARE

MASTERS OF THE CELL

Six of Satan's Structure's most accomplished Superstars head back inside the cage!

TRIPLE H

The Cell is Triple H's domain, as no man has enjoyed more success in this structure than The Game. His willingness to do whatever it takes to earn the victory has served him well in these contests.

UNDERTAKER

Undertaker's spent more time in Satan's Structure than any other Superstar. He's coming off a Hell In A Cell defeat at the hands of Kane, but as the ringer in this stip, he's in a perfect position to win.

STONE COLD

Heading into this bout totally winless won't sit well with The Rattlesnake—but his explosive and violent style should help him scratch a victory in this stip off his bucket list.

HBK

Shawn Michaels has had unlikely success in the Cell, a stip he helped pioneer. What HBK lacks in size, though, he makes up for in grit and cunning. You don't get to three wins by being a pushover.

RANDY ORTON

The Viper enjoyed early success inside the Cell, beating both John Cena and Sheamus two years in a row. Orton's viciousness will also serve him well inside the cage.

KANE

The Big Red Monster's most monumental Cell impact also came in his first WWE appearance. In a shocking display of power, Kane ripped the cage door from its hinges and attacked Undertaker!

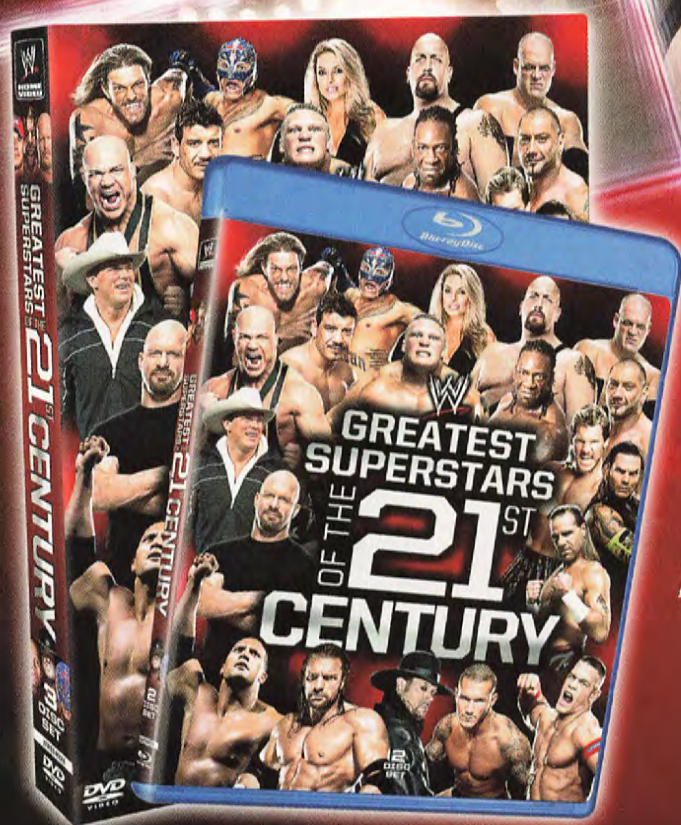
FINAL ANALYSIS

All six men boast stellar Cell skills, and each will have something to prove. Triple H gets the edge in this contest, however. We see The Game shining in the end by virtue of his experience in Satan's Structure and its "No DQ" stip... assuming he can get his sledgehammer into the ring with him. If he succeeds in that—game over!

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TRIPLE H

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The Tweets Of Yoshi Tatsu

Since joining Twitter on 4/4/11, **Yoshi Tatsu**—@YoshiTatsuWWE—has Tweeted an amazing 478 times...and counting*. Here's what he had to say to his followers this spring.

FACT!

Yoshi Tatsu wasted no time picking up his first WWE win in 2009. He defeated Shelton Benjamin on ECW in his debut match.

Apr 4 Nice to meet you WWE universe! This is Yoshi. **Apr 4** @ZackRyder Yes, I'm serious bro **Apr 5** I have arrived at the hotel in Charlotte, NC! **Apr 5** Good morning WWE universe! It's a fine day! **Apr 5** I'm about to leave the hotel with my rookie Byron Saxton. He is a very good guy! **Apr 5** I just got to the arena. I'm excited and ready to fight! **Apr 5** Please watch NXT tonight. **Apr 5** I have arrived at the hotel. I'll drink a protein shake as soon as possible. **Apr 5** Good night WWE universe. See you tomorrow! **Apr 6** Good morning WWE universe! Did you watch NXT last night? When I finally have my match with Ted, I will beat him for sure. **Apr 6** The only good thing about last night is my rookie Byron Saxton won the rookie challenge! I'm proud of him and very happy. **Apr 6** I'm headed to the airport with my rookie Byron Saxton now. The hotel we stayed at last night is a little far from the airport. **Apr 6** I just returned my rental car with my sleepy rookie Byron Saxton! **Apr 6** I have been gone for ten days. But now I'm finally back home in Tampa! **Apr 6** I'm in clearwater beach with my Japanese friends now. Kamehame-haaaaaa—!!!!!! **Apr 7** I had a great time with my Japanese friends today. Good night WWE universe. See you tomorrow! **Apr 7** I just dropped my Japanese friends off at the airport. See you WM28 in Miami! **Apr 7** Japan had another big earthquake today, this one of a 7.5 magnitude. It was not as big as the last one which was a 9.0. **Apr 7** But nevertheless, I am still very worried. Please keep Japan and its people in your prayers. **Apr 7** @JohnnyWWE I'm fine thank you. @JohnnyWWE You are not cooler than Japanese Justin Bieber! **Apr 7** I am watching SUPERSTARS now. I had a single's match with Tyson Kidd. And I won. But he is still very strong. **Apr 7** I'm writing a column for the popular Japanese wrestling magazine "Weekly Pro-Wrestling" now. **Apr 8** Good night WWE universe. Have a good dream. **Apr 8** Good morning WWE universe. It's a really fine day today. I'm so happy! **Apr 8** I'm in chiropractic now. Many WWE superstars come here. It's very good. **Apr 8** I'm working out at the gym that is near by my house. I'm working out my arms today! **Apr 8** My work out is over right now. I had a good working out. I need to drink protein shake as soon as possible! I like chocolate flavor! **Apr 8** @WWEGoldust Hello, Goldust. How are you? I go to the SUBWAY is only on the road. **Apr 8** Good night WWE universe. Please sleep tight. **Apr 9** @Hurricane_Flash You will be doing very well, Nikki. Good luck! **Apr 9** Good morning WWE universe! There is still dark around my house. I gotta go to some cardio! **Apr 9** I ate egg whites and plain oat meal and drank 20g of protein shake. Of course the protein shake is chocolate flavor! I'm satisfied. **Apr 9** Please keep praying for Japan. **Apr 9** Good night WWE universe. I hope you had a great time today. See you tomorrow! **Apr 10** Good morning WWE universe. We'll have Monday night RAW in Bridgeport, CT tomorrow. I'll leave my home this afternoon. **Apr 10** I'm working out at the gym now. I'm working out my back. **Apr 10** I finished my work out today. That was very good! I'm on my way to home. **Apr 10** @AdamExtreme Haha thank you! **Apr 10** I'm in the airport now. I'm flying to New York, and then I'll drive to Bridgeport, CT. **Apr 10** I arrived at New York. I'm on the way to Bridgeport, CT. I'm hungry. **Apr 11** CT is nice weather. I like it. But I'm still hungry. **Apr 11** Good morning WWE universe. Japan had another earthquake 3 hours ago, this one of a 5.9 magnitude. **Apr 11** I'm about to leave the hotel. I will fight for the WWE universe and all Japanese who received damage from this disaster. **Apr 12** I can't believe it, I'm very sad. But thank you very much Edge. **Apr 12** @JohnnyWWE Hello, Johnny. I'm eating a grilled chicken salad and drinking a bottle of water and heading to Albany. NY temperature is nice. **Apr 12** I just got the hotel. I'm sleepy. Good night WWE universe. I'm in catering area in the arena. WWE's catering is awesome! **Apr 12** I'm very D to happy today!!! Please watch NXT tonight!!! **Apr 13** I'm sure I will have a sweet dream tonight! Thank you for all WWE universe! Good night! **Apr 13** Good morning WWE universe! I'm on the shuttle to the airport. I'm sleepy. **Apr 13** I just got to the Washington, D.C. airport. This one is very big! Unbelievable! **Apr 13** I won't go to European tour. I'll fly home. I promise I'll be there next time! Thank you and I'm sorry. I love you, WWE universe. **Apr 13** I'm in my home now. Please have a safe trip to Europe for all WWE superstars! See you in the U.K. on TV. **Apr 13** I was impressed by Zack's tweet about Edge. Zack is sometimes awesome. **Apr 13** Good night WWE universe. See you tomorrow! **Apr 14** Hello, WWE universe! I did lots of paper work today. After my late lunch, I will go to the gym. I will work out my back today. **Apr 14** @KurisuTru I'm sorry, I mean muscles. **Apr 14** I had a good work out. I probably will have some muscles on my back tomorrow. **Apr 14** Hi, Darren. How are you? You have a great pro. But why your rookie point is not top? **Apr 14** I'm eating dinner. It's a grilled ground chicken. Yummy! **Apr 15** Good morning WWE universe! I gotta go to the cardio. **Apr 15** What a fine day in Tampa! **Apr 15** My lunch is a grilled chicken salad today. Yummy! **Apr 15** I'm washing my car now. I feel good! **Apr 15** Please watch SMACKDOWN tonight. Because... **Apr 15** SMACKDOWN battle royal this week was a great experience for me. **Apr 15** Thank you for replying. Good night WWE universe! See you tomorrow! **Apr 16** Good morning WWE universe! I'm in the gym and just finished my cardio. **Apr 16** I finished my work out. I'm ready to go to Europe! See you over there! **Apr 16** I'm at the airport and about to fly to London. See you at the arena, British WWE universe! **Apr 16** @jdiancs I mean I will be on TV. But I won't have live events. **Apr 20** Good morning WWE universe! How are you? I'm still in London. I'm sorry I didn't tweet these past 3 days. **Apr 20** I was really impressed with the "We want Yoshi" chant last night. It almost brought tears to my eyes. I really appreciate it. **Apr 20** London nights were awesome! I really appreciate the British and European WWE universe. I hope to come back soon. Thank you very D much! **Apr 20** I'm on the airplane and about to take off. Thank you very much England! Bye-bye! **Apr 20** @Roland4WWE I'm sorry. I'll fly home. **Apr 20** @DeathProofDiva Happy birthday! **Apr 20** @bklein85 I'm sorry. I'll fly home. **Apr 20** I just landed in Miami. It's hot! **Apr 20** @SarahSwagg... "Bonjour" French WWE universe. **Apr 20** I'm home now! I'm hungry! **Apr 21** Good morning WWE universe! I wanted to tweet last night. But I slept. I'm sorry. I just finished my cardio. I feel good! **Apr 21** @chetanguni Hello, India WWE universe! **Apr 21** I came back to the gym again. And I'm about to start my work out. I'll work out my legs! Japanese style! **Apr 21** @Triple_Hoshino Komichwa Saitama WWE universe! **Apr 21** I'm eating dinner now. It's a grilled ground chicken. Yummy! **Apr 21** It's included 44g protein! **Apr 22** Good night WWE universe. Have a good dream! **Apr 22** Good morning WWE universe! I just woke up from my good sleep and happy to see another day. Thank you for everything. **Apr 22** I had a good cardio. It was 45min. I'm hungry Japanese. **Apr 22** @ScottArmstrong. Thank you very much Scotty! I hope you have a great time in Europe. See you at Monday night RAW. **Apr 22** It's an Earth day today. Let's think about environmental threats! **Apr 23** Good night WWE universe. Please sleep tight. **Apr 23** Good morning WWE universe! I'm up and thanking everything for another day. I'm gonna have some cardio! **Apr 23** Have a wonderful day for everyone! **Apr 23** I have gotten a hair cut and a hair dye in salon. I feel good! **Apr 23** My hair style is always same. My stylist is Jessica. She has cut my hair since I came to the U.S. **Apr 23** @ladykirsty1982 Hello, Lihan! **Apr 23** @TheJusMVP We have a different hair style! My hair style is the only one! **Apr 23** I finished my work out and did my chest. It was good! I already drank a protein shake. That was chocolate flavor! **Apr 23** Good night WWE universe! Have a good sleep. See you tomorrow! **Apr 24** Good morning WWE universe! I hope you have a great Easter! **Apr 24** I'm at the airport and flying to Raleigh, NC! It's raining in Tampa. **Apr 24** I don't know why our flight has been delayed. I'm sad. **Apr 24** I'm on the airplane now. Our flight has been delayed for 1 hour. But it will take off soon. I'm happy! Thank you for your concern! **Apr 24** I landed in Raleigh, NC! The weather is nice! **Apr 24** I hope you had a happy Easter. Good night WWE universe. See you tomorrow! **Apr 24** @nishimura_osamu Congratulations Mr. Nishimura. Greeting from the U.S. **Apr 25** @kimura_kengo Congratulations Mr. Kimura. Greeting from the U.S. **Apr 25** Good morning WWE universe! **Apr 25** Good evening WWE universe! I didn't get drafted tonight. But #WWEDraft will continue TUESDAY at NOON ET on WWE.com! **Apr 26** I'm laying down on the bed and watching STAR TREK at the hotel in Greensboro now. Good night WWE universe. See you tomorrow! **Apr 26** Good morning WWE universe! **Apr 26** It's a very nice day in Greensboro! **Apr 26** I got drafted to SMACKDOWN! I'm the 17th selection in the 2011 #WWEDraft. I'm very excited! **Apr 26** Please watch NXT tonight. I'm confused and sad. **Apr 26** @reymysterio Good evening Rey. I'm on SMACKDOWN now. I miss you! **Apr 26** Good night WWE universe! See you tomorrow! **Apr 27** Good morning WWE universe! I'm about to leave the hotel. Thank you and bye Greensboro WWE universe. **Apr 27** @reymysterio Thank you very much Rey. I will do my best. **Apr 27** I just landed in Tampa. It's a very nice day! I'm with @trentyllocks at the airport now! **Apr 27** I just finished my work out! **Apr 27** My parents in Japan sent me this magazine which is written about the earthquake and tsunami in Japan on 3/11/11. **Apr 27** This is the airport. Can you believe? **Apr 27** My parents and friends in Japan are fine. Thank you for your concern. But this is a very sad tragedy. I pray and fight for Japan! **Apr 27** Thank you for praying for Japan. I really appreciate it. I love WWE universe. **Apr 27** @Oregonduc Yes, This is Sendai airport. **Apr 28** Thank you very much and good night WWE universe! See you tomorrow! **Apr 28** Good morning WWE universe! I just woke up from my good sleep and happy to see another day. Thank you for everything. **Apr 28** I'm very happy to be on SMACKDOWN. But I have a huge problem. Maryse is still on RAW. **Apr 28** I'm heading to FCW. I will try couple of new moves. **Apr 28** I'm done practicing in FCW. Joey Mercury taught me some very good stuff. I can't wait to use. He always helps me. I appreciate him. **Apr 28** I'm so happy! Because I had a great practice today. I hope you had a wonderful day. Good night WWE universe! See you tomorrow! **Apr 29** Good morning WWE universe! There is still dark in Tampa. After some cardio, I will clean my room today. **Apr 29** I'm back home and watching the royal wedding. It looks like a movie. That's amazing! **Apr 29** My car is broken. It has engine problem. I brought in Brisco Brothers Body shop Jerry Brisco shop. They always helps me! I appreciate them. **Apr 29** They gave me this T-shirts. **Apr 29** This cage is used for Andre The Giant cage matches. And then they made a stock room for security. **Apr 29** @babyyballerinaa Happy birthday Jillian! **Apr 30** Good morning WWE universe! It's hot in Tampa. Have a good weekend! **Apr 30** I wanted to say hello and happy birthday for some WWE universe. But I forgot it. I'm so sorry... **Apr 30** Hello, WWE universe! **Apr 30** @EternalPhenom13 Good luck! **Apr 30** @EternalPhenom13 Good luck Mark! **Apr 30** My bag was broken this week. I had used since I debuted on WWE. **Apr 30** He knows everything about me. I'm very sad. Thank you very D to much and good bye! **Apr 30** This is my new buddy. I bought it yesterday. **Apr 30** Good night WWE universe. Have a good dream. See you tomorrow! **Apr 30** Good morning WWE universe! It's EXTREME RULES in Tampa today! **May 1** #WWEEXTREME RULES finished 30 min ago. That was an awesome show! **May 1** @scipixie Happy birthday Kay! **May 2** I'm heading to Miami for Monday night RAW now. Miami is still 200 miles away... **May 2** I'm on the alligator alley now. But I'm not afraid. **May 2** I got the hotel. It's 430 am. Good night WWE universe. See you tomorrow! **May 2** Good morning WWE universe! **May 2** I'm on the way to the arena. Miami is very hot! **May 2** @Raw I will go to @TheRock birthday party tonight! I'm very excited! **May 2** I'm leaving the arena. Do you watch @TheRock birthday party? **May 3** I had a very good time in the party. Happy birthday @TheRock! **May 3** I'm heading to Orlando now. It's 50 miles away. It's 3 am now. **May 3** I just got the hotel room. It's 4 am. I'm laying down on the bed. Maybe I'm the happiest man of Orlando. **May 3** Good night WWE universe. See you tomorrow! **May 3** Good morning WWE universe! **May 3** I got into the arena. I'm ready to fight! But at first I will go to the catering. **May 3** Good evening WWE universe! I'm leaving the arena. Please watch NXT tonight! **May 3** I'm on the way to my home. And I just stoned at the gasstation. I want to buy a muscle milk chocolate flavor and beef jerky teriyaki flavor. **May 3** I couldn't find a muscle milk! I'm drinking a bottle of water. **May 3** I'm coming home! **May 4** @AlexRiley_Fan Bonjour! **May 4** My pillow is brown. My blanket is brown and white. Good night WWE universe. See you tomorrow! **May 4** Good morning WWE universe! I like sunshine! **May 4** This is my breakfast. It's 6 egg whites and a spinach and tomato salad. **May 4** @MiracleWhippin Happy birthday JenRay! **May 4** Oh Written in the star Million miles away still in my head! **May 4** I like to watch movies. When I went to England 3 weeks ago, I watched couple of movies on the airplane. **May 4** I recommend "The King's Speech" and "The Tourist". These were very interesting! **May 4** When I watched royal wedding, I remembered "The King's Speech". And in "The Tourist", Angelina Jolie is very beautiful like Maryse! **May 4** Also "Black Swan" was interesting but too scary for me. **May 4** My room's wall is beige. Good night WWE universe. See you tomorrow! **May 5** Good morning WWE universe! I woke up

Oh No You Ditt'n't

At *WWE Mag*, we sometimes revisit infamous looks, celebrating the Superstars who weren't so super. This month: **Disco Inferno**.

1 Hair

Dude—do you realize that the Buster Poindexter look wasn't in even when Buster Poindexter was rocking it?? Disco's hair-helmet looks like something you'd affix to a LEGO man.

2 Jacket

Has someone been shopping at J. Jill? With his satin blouse, Disco looks like he should be on a loveseat sipping chamomile and reading *The Help* instead of setting foot in a WWE ring.

3 Pants

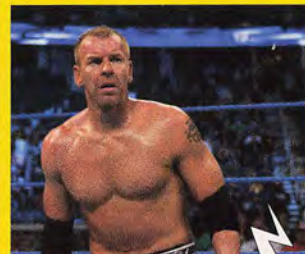
Looking at the whole of Disco's getup, we're especially horrified by his pants message. Somehow, he manages to make "Shake Your Booty" seem less like an invitation and more like a threat.



STICKS & STONES

CLEVER CUTDOWNS

Stuck for an epithet to hurl at your most hated Superstar? Avoid the clichés and hit 'em with the facts!



"HEY, CHRISTIAN—YOU SEEM BITTER, BUT YOU'RE NOT ALONE. RECENT STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT SO MANY PEOPLE ARE FRUSTRATED BY LIFE THAT THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION HAS CONSIDERED IDENTIFYING 'EMBITTERMENT DISORDER' AS A LEGITIMATE MENTAL CONDITION! SO YOU AND YOUR PEEPS ARE ALL NUTS!"



"YOU SEE, BIGGER IS NOT ALWAYS BETTER. JUST LIKE MY MUSIC SAYS, WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH THE WORLD'S LARGEST MAN, SOMEBODY'S GONNA GET THEIR ASS KICKED."

—Mark Henry, putting Big Show and the rest of the locker room on notice; *Raw*, 6/20/11

HIGH-FLYING REEL GEMS

LUCHA LIBRE 101

Want to learn why Rey rules the air? Check out his greatest bouts on these WWEDVD box sets.



Rey Mysterio vs. Psicosis

ECW Hardcore TV, 10/17/95
Rey and Psicosis contested some absolutely unreal bouts, and this 2-Out-Of-3-Falls Match was no exception. Watch Rey pull a sick hurricanrana to send Psicosis to the concrete floor! Available on *The Rise and Fall of ECW*.



Rey Mysterio vs. Juventud Guerrera

WCW Pro Wrestling, 11/3/96
When WCW began picking up steam, the first thing the promotion did was bring in luchadors. They wowed viewers with an array of previously unseen moves, and this match is a prime example. Available on *Rey Mysterio: The Life of a Masked Man*.

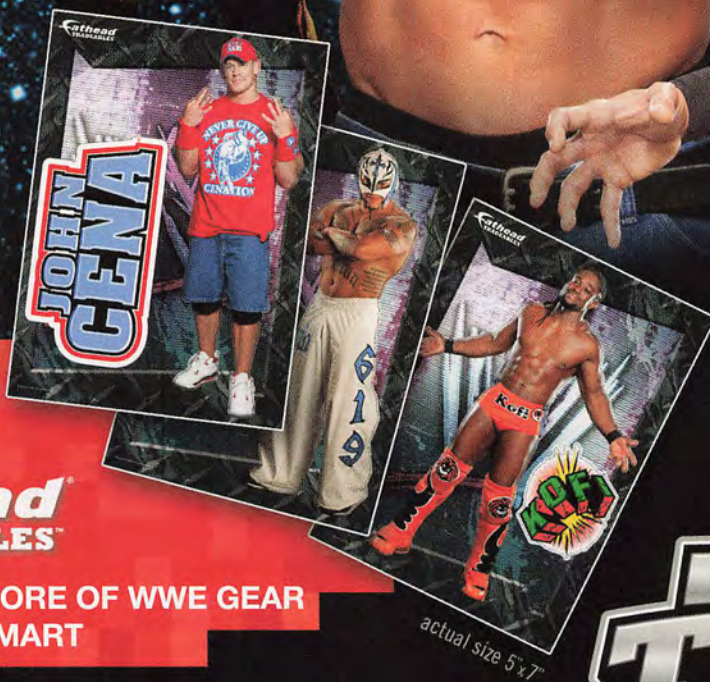


Rey Mysterio vs. Ultimo Dragon

WCW World War 3, 11/24/96
The J-Crown Cruiserweight Championship was a fusion of eight Cruiserweight titles, and Rey had his sights on winning it. Unfortunately, Ultimo Dragon had other ideas. Available on *WWE: Wrestling's Highest Flyers*.

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RING POSTS



Buzz from the farthest reaches of the WWE Universe!

"My heart don't pump no Kool-Aid!"

→ **MARK HENRY**, after destroying Big Show. *Raw*, 6/20/11

"When the clock strikes midnight, when the 17th becomes the 18th, when Sunday bleeds into Monday—I am leaving."

→ **CMPUNK**, on his plans to exit WWE after his contract expires following *WWE: Money In The Bank*. *Raw*, 6/20/11

"I can't thank you enough. It really does prove power to the people!"

→ **KELLY KELLY**, showing her followers some love, after winning her first Divas Championship. *Raw*, 6/20/11

"King Kong Bundy, 'Mean' Gene, Andre the Giant are at the bottom of a well. Who do you save first?"

→ **RODDY PIPER**, changing the questions, to The Miz, during "Piper's Pit." *Raw*, 6/13/11

"Sorry, I was working that night."

→ **HBK**, to Booker T and DDP, on why he hasn't seen an episode of *Nitro*. *Raw*, 6/27/11

"Why is it, every time I look up, there's The Rock, there's Stone Cold, there's another icon from The Attitude Era jealous of my success, trying to steal my spotlight?"

→ **THE MIZ**, complaining about Stone Cold's recent TV appearances. *Raw*, 6/13/11

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Days between Kelly Kelly's in-ring debut on 6/13/06 and the night she won her first Divas Championship on 6/20/11. Kelly Kelly is also one of only two Divas to spend time on all three brands—*ECW*, *SmackDown* and *Raw*.

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Times in its 36-year history that the U.S. Title has changed hands in the nation's capitol.

22

Seconds that Kofi Kingston survived Dolph Ziggler's Sleeper hold before passing out at *WWE Capitol Punishment*.

850

Engine size (in CCs) of a Polaris Sportsman 850, one of the largest for a four-wheeler. Stone Cold used this ride to crush the *Raw* GM's laptop into tiny, tiny megabytes.

WWE SIGHTING!

→ The Dallas Mavericks celebrated their NBA Championship this year in true WWE style—by hoisting a replica WWE Title that featured the Mavs' logo. It's an appropriate gesture given that Mavs owner Mark Cuban is not only a huge WWE fan but a former *Raw* Guest Star.



YOU GOT THE MIC

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Further Debate

Dear WWE Magazine,
I really enjoyed the "Great Superstar Debate" (July, 2011). When I go to live events, I love to call out old-school moves. I was happy to see that so many WWE Superstars feel the same way! However, no one said anything about the Tully Blanchard Slingshot Suplex! I've seen Beth Phoenix bust it out here and there, but no one uses it as a regular finisher. Someone should, don't you agree?
Mike L., via email



Good call! In fact, there are a few classic moves in need of a dusting-off. When's the last time someone rocked a Perfect Plex? Or a Bionic Elbow? Send your favorite old-timey finishers to us at MAGAZINE@WWE.COM. Who knows? Maybe one of today's Superstars will break it out at the next PPV!



GOING THROUGH CUSTOMS

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FACT!

Mattel's action figures are built with more points of articulation than any previous WWE figures.

A Trophy Case

Dear WWE Magazine,
I'm way into WWE, and a major trophy collector. I've kept all of my trophies from school, sports and even found a real Oscar at a garage sale last year! But my collection won't be complete without a Slammy Award, and I can't find one anywhere! Help!
Dakota M., Grand Prairie, TX



We don't envy your endeavor, friend. Slammys are harder to come by than Barry Horowitz wins. Even The Miz couldn't pick one up this year! But hey—at least you have a garage-sale Oscar. Whose do you think it is? We're guessing Mira Sorvino or Cuba Gooding Jr.'s...

Getting A Kick Out Of Kofi

Dear WWE Magazine,
The recent Kofi Kingston vs. Dolph Ziggler matches at WWE Capitol Punishment and Raw (6/19/11 & 6/20/11) were spectacular. Nothing is sweeter than seeing Ziggler rocked by Kingston's Trouble in Paradise. I would have to think that it's the hardest kick in WWE, but some of my friends disagree. Help—it's up to you guys to settle it!
Joseph C., Avondale, AZ

We couldn't reach a consensus on our own, so we posed your question to The Spring-Loaded Superstar himself, and he offered this surprising answer:

HEY THERE, NICE FIGURE!

* Dear WWE Magazine,
WWE and art have been two of my passions since I was a kid, so I finally figured, "Why not combine them?" I hand-paint and mold WWE figures to look like my favorite Superstars! Take a look at my custom-made Sin Cara!
Skrimmel, via email

Impressive! We spent hours trying to make custom figures. Breaking them apart, gluing new parts on, hand-painting them. Then the store manager asked us to leave. Turns out you have to pay for them first.

THE WINNER

For this letter, Skribbel will receive *Fast Five*, which hits Blu-ray and DVD this September. Feeling left out? Well, if you want a chance to win, send letters to MAGAZINE@WWE.COM. Check Page 76 for details. Remember, you can't win if you don't write—so get cracking!



WIN!



"A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW IT, BUT CURT HAWKINS HAS THE HARDEST KICK IN THE BUSINESS. HE KICKS YOU IN THE BACK AS HARD AS HE CAN. TRUST ME, YOU DON'T WANT TO BE ON THE RECEIVING END OF IT."

Birthday Blowout

Dear WWE Magazine,
My friends took me to Raw recently as a birthday present. We sat ringside, close enough to wave to the Superstars and have some of them wave back! Plus, Justin Roberts posed for this photo with me! He gave me a big hug and told me Happy Birthday. Thanks WWE!
Tara N., via email

Sounds like fun! It's a lot better than the time Editorial Intern Jeff Laboon told Dolph Ziggler it was his birthday. Ziggler asked Jeff how old he was, then proceeded to punch him that many times, plus a few more for good luck. We've had to spoon feed him his lunch ever since.



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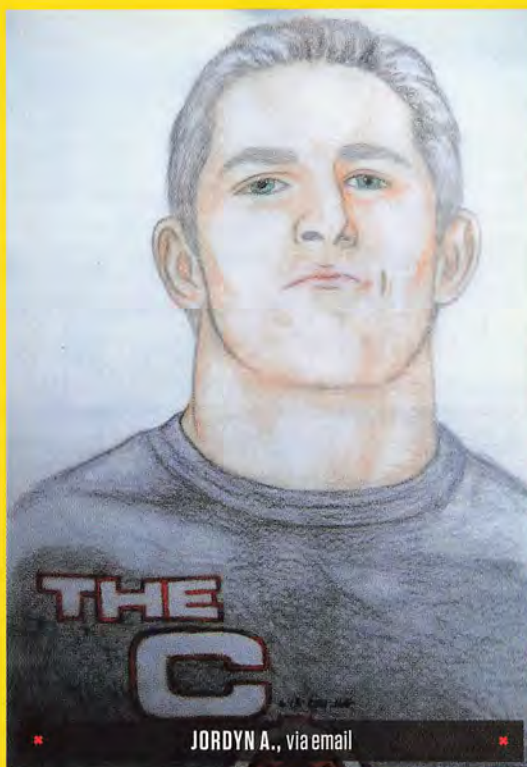
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FAN ART OF THE MONTH

We're always seeking drawings of Superstars. If you've got the touch, send your work our way!



JORDYN A., via email



JESUS M., via email



TRISHA L., via email



SARAH M., via email

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SEPTEMBER 2011

1 SmackDown Live Event Nimes, France 8:30 pm	2 Raw Live Event San Juan, Puerto Rico; 7:30 pm
3 Raw Live Event Trenton, NJ 7:30 pm	2 SmackDown Live Event Geneva, Switzerland 8:30 pm
3 SmackDown Live Event Paris, France 8 pm	4 Raw Live Event Canton, OH 5 pm
5 Raw Columbus, OH 8:15 pm	4 SmackDown Live Event Paris, France 7 pm
6 SmackDown Toledo, OH 6:45 pm	9 Raw Live Event Barrie, Ontario 7:30 pm
10 SmackDown Live Event Halifax, Nova Scotia 7:30 pm	10 Raw Live Event London, Ontario 7:30 pm
11 Raw Live Event Kingston, Ontario 5 pm	11 SmackDown Live Event Moncton, New Brunswick; 1 pm
12 Raw Ottawa, Ontario 8:15 pm	11 SmackDown Live Event Fredericton, New Brunswick; 6 pm
13 SmackDown Toronto, Ontario 6:45 pm	17 Raw/SmackDown Live Event Youngstown, OH; 7:30 pm
19 Raw Cleveland, OH 8:15 pm	18 WWE Night Of Champions Buffalo, NY 7:45 pm
20 SmackDown Dayton, OH 6:45 pm	23 Raw Live Event Odessa, TX 7:30 pm
24 SmackDown Live Event El Paso, TX 7:30 pm	24 Raw Live Event Amarillo, TX 7:30 pm
25 Raw Live Event Lubbock, TX 5 pm	25 SmackDown Live Event Albuquerque, NM; 5 pm
27 SmackDown St. Louis, MO 6:30 pm	26 Raw Kansas City, MO 7:15 pm

*All WWE times, dates and events subject to change. All event times are regional, except WWE NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS, which is eastern time.

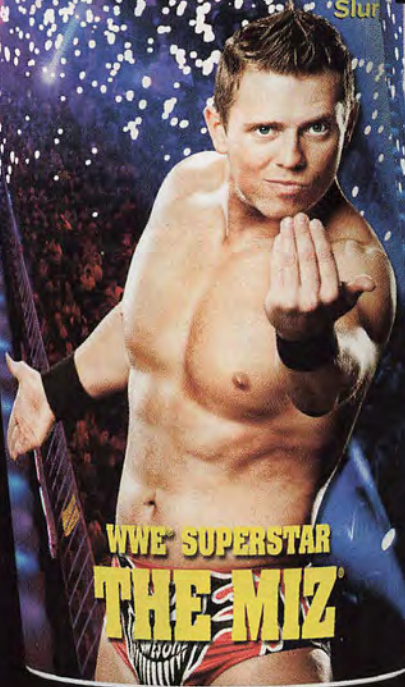
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Limber up like a highflier by adding **Evan Bourne's** exclusive stretching routine to your warm-up.

2 LUNGE WITH ARMEXTENSION

Three sets with each leg, holding the position for 30 seconds

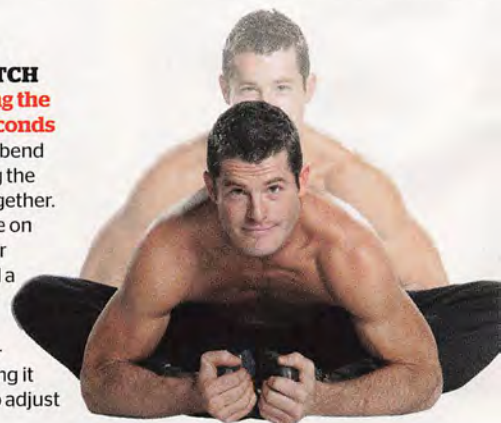
Step out into your lunge, landing first on the heel, and then on your forefoot. Your front knee should achieve a 90° angle, while the back knee should stay parallel to the floor. Raise both arms—this stretches your hip flexors, while the arm extension works your core.



3 BUTTERFLY GROIN STRETCH

Three sets, holding the position for 30 seconds

In a seated position, bend your knees, bringing the soles of your feet together. Apply small pressure on your knees with your elbows until you feel a gentle pull and hold the position for 30 seconds. Why? Studies say this is how long it takes for a muscle to adjust to its new length.



4 SEATED HAM-STRING STRING STRETCH

Three sets, holding the position for 30 seconds

This works the lower back and hamstrings, two muscle groups necessary for everything from a golf stroke to a soccer kick. Put your legs together, straight out in front of you, and reach toward your toes. Do *not* bounce or bob. Doing so will prevent the muscles from stretching, and may even result in injury.

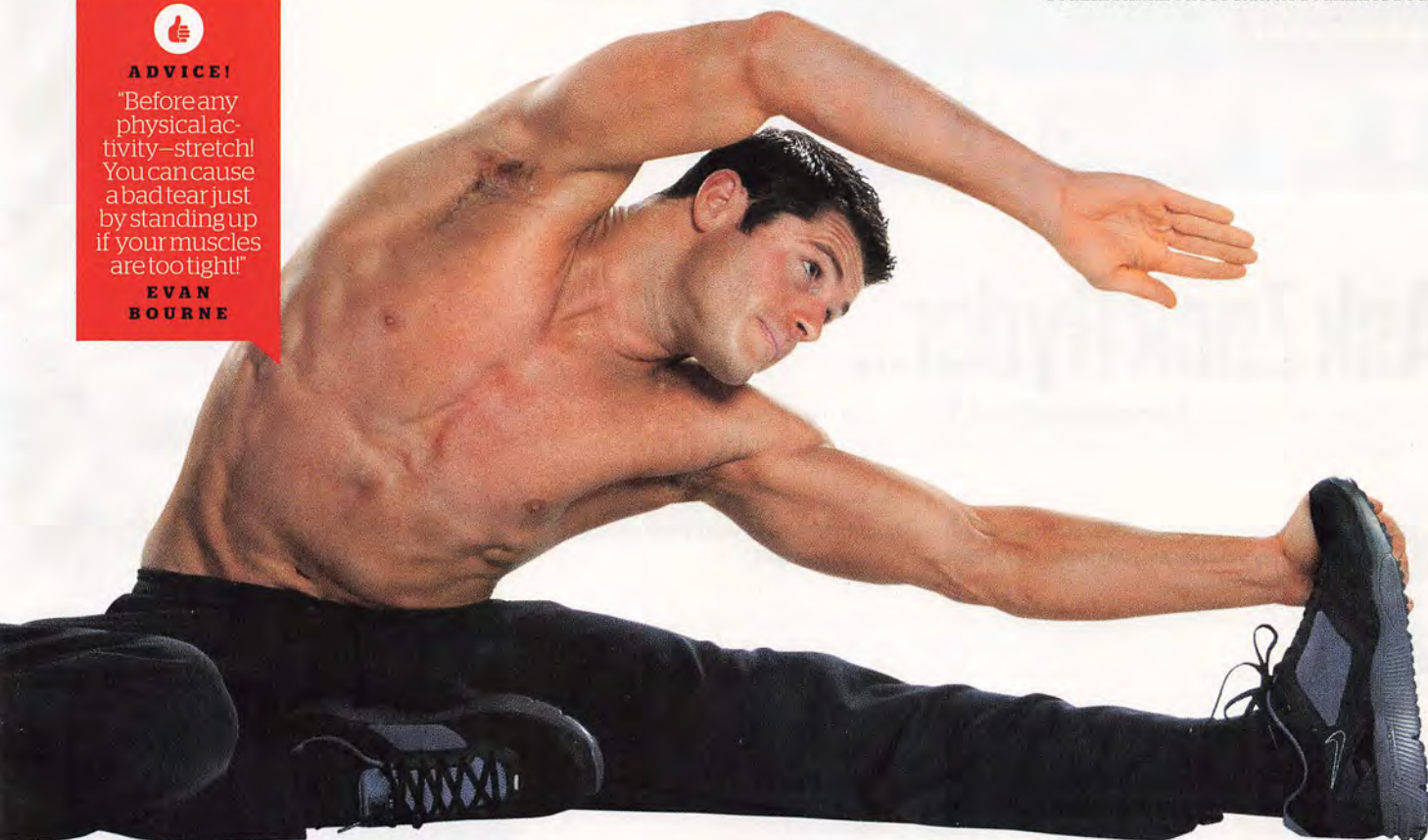




ADVICE!

"Before any physical activity—stretch! You can cause a bad tear just by standing up if your muscles are too tight!"

EVAN BOURNE



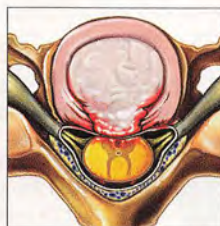
5 RIGHT & LEFT SHOULDER STRETCH

Three sets per arm, holding for 30 seconds

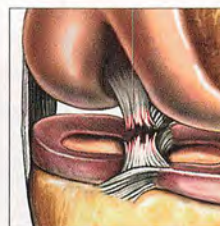
This stretch loosens the area around your shoulder—specifically, the rotator cuff—the group of tendons and muscles surrounding your shoulder joint, which are key for racquet and throwing sports. Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart. Bring one arm across your body and hold it with your opposite arm. Switch, and repeat.

THE MOST PAINFUL INJURIES KNOWN TO MAN!

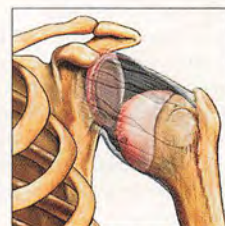
Dr. Tom Trojan, Director of Injury Prevention at UConn's Health Center, outlines the worst things that can happen to an athlete.



→ **HERNIATED DISC**
"A disc in your lower back 'pops' and pushes into the spinal canal, where it presses on the nerves in your spine, signalling immense pain to your brain," says Trojan.



→ **ACL TEAR**
"When it tears, it causes the femur to hit the shin bone, resulting in a deep bone bruise," says Trojan. "Think of it as being kicked in the shin every time you try to take a step."



→ **DISLOCATED SHOULDER**
"The head of your humerus falls out of its socket, tearing thick tissue protecting the joint," says Trojan. Real pain occurs when it swells and bleeds.



Can You Do This? Reach an arm over the same-side shoulder. Bring the other behind your back and lock hands, holding for 10 seconds. Now, switch. Trouble locking hands can indicate that your pecs are tight from all those bench reps. Add some dumbbell rows to build your upper back strength.



TWWEET US

Ask Zack Ryder...

YouTube sensation, **Long Island Iced Z**, fields your Twitter queries about scoring a sick tan, living like a Broski & totally owning the Web.

Q: Your T-shirt on *WWEShop.com* is sold out, so I bought Daniel Bryan's shirt, which features you tapping out to the LeBell Lock. That counts, right?
Brad G., Marlboro, NY

A: Yeah, I guess. But I'm actually getting a new T-shirt. I just got the designs. One was like a tiger with a headband, sunglasses and spiked hair. An animal wearing a headband? Are you serious, Bro? There was one of a QR code that I liked. It's hot pink, though—but I like the concept, since I'm the king of social media.

Q: Ke\$ha wakes up in the morning feeling like P. Diddy. Whom do you wake up feeling like?
Alison M., Boise, ID

A: Ke\$ha wakes up feeling like Z Diddy, actually. I wake up feeling like myself. It's Zack Ryder 24/7. When I wake up I look this way. My hair may be a little messy, but it still has gel in it. It's still spiked. When I go about my day, I'm always Zack Ryder. It's always about being Zack, and getting Zacked!

Q: What do you love and hate about Twitter?
Alex P., Adams, NE

A: I love that it's helped me create this phenomenon, if you will. The YouTube show, the T-shirt, is all because of Twitter. It really helped my career—or maybe even saved my career. I guess the only bad thing about Twitter is that my girlfriend gets annoyed when I check and update my status all the time. But hey—the Ryder Revolution never stops.



Q: What are the secrets to being "Bro enough" so I can score more chicks?
Joseph M., Odessa, TX

A: You need a sick tan. Don't wanna use a tanning bed? Buy some Banana Boat spray. Spike your hair; get the sunglasses; master the lingo. NHE is "Not Hot Enough"; TT is "Too Tall"; and NHAA is "Not Hot At All." And when you've finally done all that, you've got to be like antiperspirant—you can't sweat chicks. The girls have to come up to you. Once you realize that you're the man, that's when the girls will finally know. You'll be collecting more girls' numbers than you know what to do with.

Q: When and where will you ever defend your Internet Championship?
Aimee T., Benson, VT

A: The Internet Championship is my own creation. It took two hours, a lot of Sharpies, stickers and printouts to make it—so I'm not defending it. It's my title, I own it, and everyone knows I'm the champion. I dominate Twitter, I dominate YouTube, I dominate Facebook. Until someone else makes his own show on YouTube and gets more than a million views like I do, then I will remain the Internet Champion. If I lost that title, I would be devastated. So I don't think I'm going to put it on the line anytime soon.

Q: Ever consider employing the managerial services of your pal, Scott Stanford?
David G., Springfield, MA

A: I've asked. I think the Zack Pack would love to see Scott Stanford by my side—like a modern-day Bobby Heenan. It's just up to him if he wants to put down the headset and become a full-time Broski. Right now, Scott Stanford's trying to get his foot in the door as a WWE announcer, but I think he should realize that his potential is much greater—he could be with Zack Ryder.

Q: Who is more "Zacked"? You or your dad?
Jesse K., Covington, WA

A: Are you serious, Bro? I'm way more Zacked! My dad works hard in the gym, though, and still does lifting competitions for the over-50 crowd. He's an old-school guy, and sticks with the basics.



GOT A BURNING QUESTION?

→ In the coming months we'll be soliciting Twitter questions for John Cena, Evan Bourne & Rey Mysterio. Follow us & fire off your best queries when we give the word. Send your question(s) to @WWEMAGAZINE. Who knows, if they're good enough, one just might make it into *WWE Mag!* And you thought the Web was just for looking at kittens...

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Dustin R., Red Bank, NJ

A: IN THE CLUB, YOU MAY SEE A GIRL YOU THINK IS HOT, ONLY TO PUT THE SHADES DOWN AND REALIZE THAT SHE IS DEFINITELY “NHE”—NOT HOT ENOUGH.

DIVA ADVICE

Gifts That'll Win Her Over

Even the iciest of ladies will melt at the sight of these imaginative presents—handpicked for every occasion by **Gail Kim** herself!



AVOID BAD WRAPS

No matter how much thought you put into a gift, you'd better wrap it first. A shopping bag doesn't count. If you're really struggling, go to Hallmark and pick up a gift bag and some frou-frou paper.

1 FOR ANNIVERSARIES

This is the most important gift-giving occasion of all, says Gail. So pick something that both you and your lady can share together. She suggests *Photopoly!* (\$24, Amazon.com), a playfully creative version of *Monopoly*—her favorite board game—that you can customize with pictures from your life together as a couple. A little corny? Maybe. But, says Gail:

"It's touching when a guy works hard to craft a one-of-a-kind gift. The game doesn't cost all that much, but the time you put into it will prove that you're committed to making your girl happy."



2 FOR BIRTHDAYS

It's almost a given that 98.5 percent of guys suck at picking out jewelry for loved ones. So save yourself the aggravation and order the Sterling Silver Charm Bracelet from BlueNile.com (\$50, plus charms). After adding charms, make up some sentimental nonsense as to why you chose them. For example, buy the "coffee cup," and say it's because,

"She's the only one who remembers how you like your cup o' joe." Explains Gail: "Jewelry is a pretty common gift, but your girl will treasure this, knowing each charm has a secret only you two share."



3 FOR SAYING, "I'M SORRY"

If you've crossed her so badly that you're no longer even welcome in the doghouse, don't bother apologizing. Desperate times call for truly desperate measures. Buy her a pair of Everlast Women's Pink Pro Style Boxing Gloves (\$27, Walmart.com). Hand them to her, and promise her that she can land a haymaker on your chin the next time you're

out of line. "You can't get much more creative when apologizing," says Gail. "I'd definitely laugh if I got a pair of these. Besides, any guy who is willing to let me square off with him deserves forgiveness."



4 FOR WHEN SHE'S HAD A BAD DAY

Your lady feeling down? Visit LolitaWineGlasses.com and select the "Cheers to Me" wine glass (\$24). (Bonus: It comes with hand-painted words of encouragement she needs to hear: "I'm awesome!"; "I'm the best!"; "Cheers to me!") Then, present it to her—filled with her favorite Chardonnay, of course—the next time she trudges home feeling blue. Says

Gail: "It would make a bad day so much better if my boyfriend were ready and waiting to talk about it—without me having to ask!" Ugh. OK—and make sure to talk to her about why she's upset, too.



5 JUST BECAUSE

The next time you feel the urge to do something nice for your gal...well, do it! Women don't need grand gestures—they just need gestures, period. Here's a sweet idea: Go to mymms.com and personalize a package of m&m's (\$9 for a 7 oz. bag) just for her. "Guys who do something for no reason at all are the best," according to Gail. "Those acts are the ones that count."

Customize the bag with her favorite colors (all green?), and even inscribe the morsels with simple phrases: "Me+U 4Ever," "I <3 U" or "U R My Sweetie!" She will relish every bite.



6 FOR ROMANCING HER

Surprise your girl with a box of Urban Decay's Marshmallow-Flavored Body Dust (\$29, UrbanDecay.com) the next time you want to remind her how much she's adored. She can brush the shimmering powder on her skin for a glow that you'll both love. Says Gail: "I would feel so gorgeous in this, and it would be even sweeter knowing when I wore it, my

man wouldn't be able to stop kissing me!" It's tasty, yet tasteful. And it seriously ups the romance factor. Still, don't experiment with it on your own skin, dude—this stuff is for chicks only!



"Please let
it be an Xbox!"



**DON'T PASS
THE BUCK**

Handing a woman a gift card is as tacky as handing her cash straight out of the ATM. It's truly the *least* thoughtful thing you can do on a special occasion. For shame!



**KNOW WRITE
FROM WRONG**

Always buy her a real card, and hand-write your notes, no matter how poor your penmanship. If you send her an e-card, expect to find an email rejection in your inbox.

> KNOWLEDGE

WWE QUIZ

What Do You Know About...WWE's Laborers?

In honor of September's Labor Day, we pay homage to those Superstars who, no matter how successful they were between the ropes, were defined by their 9-to-5 day jobs. The clock is ticking. Get to work already!

1 Can you identify the five WWE Superstar faces mashed together in the image below? Heck, we'll even spot you one!



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2 ODD JOBS!

TL Hopper made his WWE debut as a plumber, wearing low-hanging jeans and a stained shirt. He even toted a plunger, which he stuck in the faces of his opponents. Do you remember, however, what name he gave to his beloved toilet tool?

- A ALICE
- B CONNIE
- C JANE
- D BETSY



3 Can you recall the full names of these erstwhile WWE pig farmers?

A _____

B _____

4 MYSTERY MAN!

Garbage man, Duke "The Dumpster" Droese, once argued that, of all the Superstars he'd ever met, this tux-clad grappler gave off the worst "stink" in WWE.

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5 TOOL OF THE TRADE!

Which Superstars were associated with each of the following accessories?



A



I



B



2



C



3



D



4

- A _____
- B _____
- C _____
- D _____

10 BEST OF INVENTIONS!

Which WWE cowboy is credited with inventing the finishing move, the Superplex?

- A DORY FUNK
- B BOB ORTON, JR.
- C BLACKJACK MULLIGAN
- D BLACKJACK LANZA



6 AMAZING FEAT!

Remarkably, WWE's resident matador, Tito Santana, appeared on the first consecutive *WrestleMania* cards. Name that magic number.



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7 TRUE OR FALSE?

Isaac Yankem, DDS—the Superstar responsible for making sure the WWE Universe practiced proper oral hygiene—served as Jerry Lawler's personal dentist.

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8 SUPERSTAR SCRAMBLE!

Rearrange the letters below to spell the name of the WWE Superstar who went by the alter egos "The Butcher" and "The Booty Man" during his tenure in WCW.

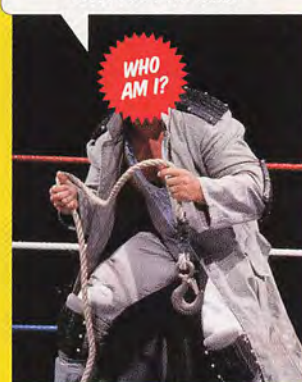
KEBAB
TRUCE
FUSE

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9 QUOTE ME!

After donning "Macho Man" Randy Savage's missing hat during the 1/18/93 edition of *Raw*, which sticky-fingered Superstar insisted that:

"I DIDN'T STEAL NO HAT! I'M A NICE GUY! I AIN'T NO THIEF!"



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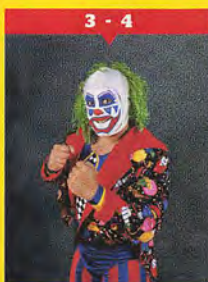
RATING SCALE

TIME'S UP!

Pencils down. Your hard work is over! Review all of your answers and compare them to the ones listed in the upside-down key directly below. Then use our handy-dandy scoring chart to see which grappling laborer you're worthy of apprenticing with.



THE
MAESTRO



DOINK
THE CLOWN



BRUTUS
"THE BARBER"
BEEFCAKE



BIG BOSS
MAN



RICK
"THE MODEL"
MARTEL



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CLASSIC HARDCORE CHAMPIONSHIP	38		\$299.00	\$399.00	
CLASSIC UNDISPUTED WWE CHAMPIONSHIP	10	\$40.00	\$199.00	\$299.00	\$399.00
CLASSIC WWE JOHN CENA "SPINNING" US CHAMPIONSHIP	25	\$80.00	\$199.00	\$299.00	
CLASSIC "SMOKING" SKULL" WWE CHAMPIONSHIP	15	\$40.00	\$199.00	\$279.00	\$399.00
CLASSIC "ATTITUDE ERA" WWE CHAMPIONSHIP	20		\$199.00	\$279.00	\$399.00
CLASSIC "WINGED EAGLE" WWE CHAMPIONSHIP	30	\$40.00	\$199.00	\$299.00	\$399.00
CLASSIC "WINGED EAGLE" WWE CHAMPIONSHIP BABY BLUE	30B	\$40.00	\$199.00	\$299.00	\$399.00
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REY MYSTERIO JR.

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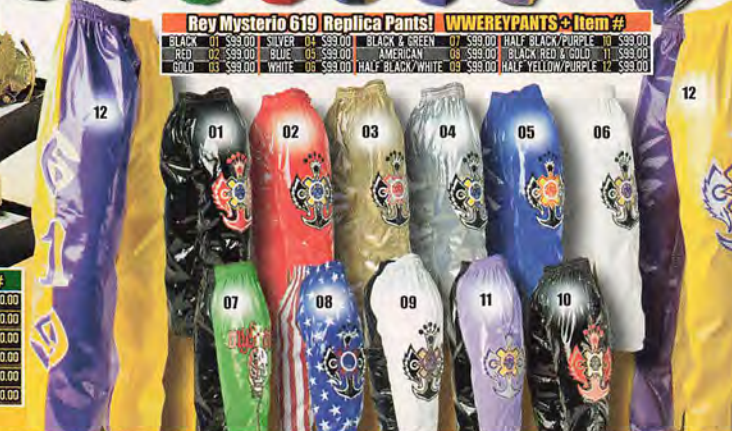


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AMAZING THINGS

COMING TO WWE THIS FALL

Autumn gives us so much to look forward to: A new TV season, the changing of the leaves, and the start of football season—fingers crossed!—but for the WWE Universe, this fall will be like no other. It'll introduce you to a cornucopia of new Superstars (Johnny Curtis!), new pay-per-views (the revamped *Vengeance!*), new video games (*WWE 12!*) and new in-ring rivalries (including the continuation of Team Rock vs. Team Cena). If you're ready to experience all the season has to offer, turn the page!

BY THE **WWE MAGAZINE STAFF**





1 TEAM BRING IT vs. TEAM CENA: THE FEUD CONTINUES

→ The war of words between The Rock and John Cena has been escalating all summer long on Twitter, but the social-network site can only contain this rivalry for so long. The WWE Universe demands another, in-ring face-to-face in order to get to the bottom of this beef. Might we suggest the 10/31/11 edition of *Raw*, emanating from Atlanta, the home of this year's *WrestleMania*? Maybe the The Champ and The Great One could dress up as each other for Halloween. Now there's a trick that's also a treat.

2. Knowing WWE > NFL + NBA

The only strikes and lockouts you're likely to find in WWE this autumn will be at the end of a Daniel Bryan Submission Match. Unlike the National Football League and the National Basketball Association, the WWE season never stops, and we always start on time. And we do it for you...the members of the WWE Universe.



3. Living Out Our Fantasies

When the NFL season does eventually start, make sure to follow all the gridiron action in *WWE Magazine's* second Annual Superstar Fantasy Football Showdown, as The Miz looks to defend his Vince McMahon trophy. Will this also be the second title he loses in 2011? Check out our upcoming October issue, as we kick off a new season,

with updated rosters and great new expansion franchises.

4. Kicking The Tires & Lighting The Fires

Tailgating—the eating-outside variety, and not the habit of driving too close to another car—isn't just for football games. If WWE's coming to your town, start the party early in the parking lot. You might even get a chance to see some of your favorite Superstars and Divas work their way into the arena. Don't get bummed if they turn down your offer of a grilled bratwurst—it's not a trust issue, we swear.

5. Saving Some Scratch

The return of the school year is the perfect time to update your wardrobe. Couldn't you use a nice new Sheamus short-sleeve T for the first day of classes? If you need persuading, check out this exclusive discount at WWeshop.com—for *WWE Magazine* readers only! Enter **MAG09** at checkout and you'll receive \$10 off orders of \$50 or more. Just thank us by not tucking in your new shirt.* See Page 67.

6. Raking It In!

See that big pile of leaves? You know, the one your neighbor spent Saturday afternoon raking together... Well, this is the ideal moment to perfect your version of the devastating Earthquake Splash. Dive in and create an explosion of red, orange and yellow.



7. Standing Alone

Since his debut, Wade Barrett's never been on his own. Whether it was Chris Jericho, The Nexus or The Corre, The Manchester Masher has always brought backup. Now that he's a lone wolf, we're anxious to see if his bite finally backs up his bark.



WWE ANNIVERSARIES

This fall, be sure to honor these five-year milestones in WWE history—without them, all that in-ring action just wouldn't be the same.



9. 25TH ANNIVERSARY

During the weekend of September 6-7th in 1986, WWE debuts its flagship shows, *Wrestling Challenge* and *WWE Superstars*, which introduce the world to Jake Roberts' "Snake Pit" and ornithologist Koko B. Ware. Three weeks later, Gorilla Monsoon and Bobby Heenan would team up on commentary for the first time.



10. 20TH ANNIVERSARY

A year and five days after his debut, Undertaker shocks the WWE Universe by defeating Hulk Hogan for the WWE Championship in the first singles match in *Survivor Series*' history (11/27/91). The bout is not without controversy, which would force then-WWE president Jack Tunney to schedule a rematch one week later at *This Tuesday In Texas*.



11. 15TH ANNIVERSARY

At *Survivor Series* (11/17/96), The People's Champion debuts as blue-chip WWE prospect Rocky Maivia, WWE's first-ever third-generation Superstar. As his squad's only survivor, Rocky picks up the win for his teammates: Jake Roberts, The Stalker, and Marc Mero.



12. 10TH ANNIVERSARY

WWE is nearly destroyed at *Survivor Series* (11/18/01), as the WCW/ECW Invasion battles with Superstars for complete control of the company in a Winner Takes All Match. Team WWE tops Team Alliance thanks to three pinfalls by The Rock. See, Cena? Rocky saved WWE. He does care.



13. 5TH ANNIVERSARY

At *Unforgiven* (9/17/06), Trish Stratus—in her hometown of Toronto—retires as a conquering heroine when she defeats Lita to win her record-setting seventh and final Women's Title. We can't believe it's been that long, but seeing Trish on *Tough Enough* gives us some "Stratusfaction."

14. Making-Over The Mystery Man From The 619

Keep your eyes glued to Rey Mysterio's ring gear when he greets the crowds along the Titan-Tron ramp. He'll be debuting a new hood designed by the winner of *WWE Kids*' "Design Rey's Mask" contest. If last year's winning entry is any indication, this new one is going to be radical.



15. Flying High With Phoenix

FACT: As of press time, Beth Phoenix has never raised the WWE Divas Championship in victory. That makes absolutely no sense. Power to the people be damned: The Glamazon deserves her chance, now—let's make it happen! Maybe she can even update the butterfly logo on the belt by adding some Phoenix flames to it.

16. Televising The Ryder Revolution On Raw

Mark our words: Zack Ryder will main-event *Raw* before fall's first frost. We know it—and now, you know it.



17. Receiving "The Call Up"

Every September 1st, Major League Baseball expands the team rosters from 25 to 40 players. It gives minor leaguers and rookies a chance to see some pitches and take some quality at-bats. We'd like to see future talent from *WWE NXT* and *FCW* mix it up on the *Raw* and *SmackDown* rosters for 30 days. This way, they can get a real taste of what it's like to be a Superstar and experience WWE in-ring action.

18. Outsourcing WWE?

Now that WWE has set up an office in India, does this mean we'll be releasing a flick in Bollywood? An even better question: Can The Great Khali sing and dance? We've done action, comedy, horror and drama, so why not a musical?

19. Banking On It

In the past, MITB cash-ins have occurred mostly during summer. You've heard the saying that money often burns a hole in one's pocket, forcing you to spend it right

20 JUSTIN GABRIEL

→ "The WWE Universe hasn't seen me wrestle in a singles match in more than a year. I've been a three-time Tag Team Champion, and I've been in two different successful groups—The Nexus and The Corre—but I haven't yet had any singles matches. I have so much to offer and just wait and see. I grew up in South Africa, so my style is very different from what most people have seen and are used to in this country. I have something of a hybrid wrestling style, because I've travelled all over the world. I've taken things I've learned from other countries and I've combined them into one. That's something that doesn't come through in tag wrestling so much, but as soon as I go on my own, hopefully people can get to see that. Things change every week. It's kind of hard to tell, but I definitely see myself going off on my own in the near future."

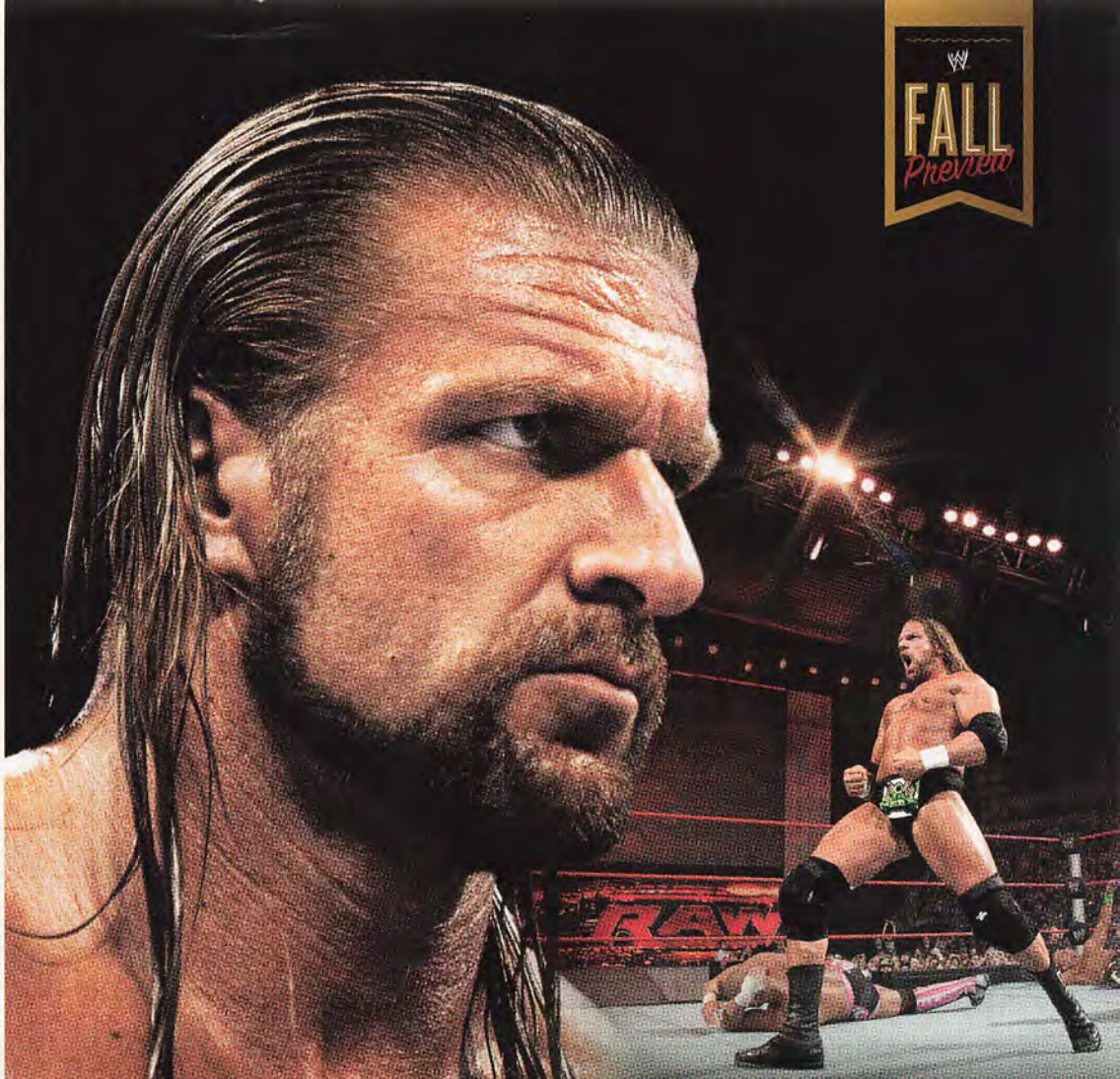
away? This year, we're hoping at least one of the briefcase-holders exercises the same patience exhibited by The Miz last year (it might be his only virtue). Whoever climbs the ladders to victory this July, please keep us in suspense, and consider withdrawing your contract no sooner than October. In fact, we think the fourth Thursday of November, when Americans are giving thanks, is the perfect time to take what's yours!



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THE CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

→ Triple H has not contested a match in a WWE ring since he nearly ended Undertaker's winning streak at *WrestleMania XXVII*. So what better time for The Game to jump-start his 2011 season than at *Night Of Champions* (9/18/11)? After all, he currently holds the WWE record with 13 World Championships and 23 total title reigns during his career. Other than the recently retired Edge, no other Superstar has ever worn that much gold around his waist. A title shot at *NOC* would bring The King of Kings one step closer to becoming the greatest champion in WWE history.



22. Guaranteeing Multiple Championship Changes

The best part of *Night Of Champions* is that every title in WWE is contested during a single golden evening. But after running the numbers, we've discovered that, on average, at least two titles change hands at this particular pay-per-view. You will see history made—we can (almost) guarantee it.



24. Toughening Up

What we're really wishing for this fall is a second season of WWE's reality series *Tough Enough*. It would give us that Stone Cold fix we've been jonesing for since he last appeared as a guest GM on *Raw*. Plus—we want more nicknames from Bill DeMott! As an aspiring Superstar, if you're going to be belittled, at least it's by the best.

26. Generally Speaking...

It's about time that WWE's biggest mystery is solved. If we don't find out the identity of the *Raw* GM by the first falling leaves, we're going to hire our own private detective to seek out an answer. Truth be told, we're just upset that the Anonymous GM never forwards any of our good-luck chain mails.



27. Cruising On Raw

We may know his name by now, but we're never quite sure what model of ride Alberto Del Rio is going to roll up to *Raw* in. This third quarter, we're thinking The Essence of Excellence should tool around in Aston Martin's latest, from their DBS series, which can hit 62mph in four seconds and touts not only a V12 engine, but a steep price tag that lists upwards of \$270,000.

23. Returning JoMo's Mojo!

John Morrison missed the majority of the summertime action thanks to a crazed beating from friend-turned-foe R-Truth. This deprived the entire WWE Universe of his unique in-ring arsenal. But we happen to know that The Shaman of Sexy is a thinking man's grappler—and we can only imagine what sort of brand-new, sick aerial maneuvers he's concocting in the Palace of Wisdom. We're sure Little Jimmy will completely approve of Johnny's innovations.

25 FALL FASHION TREND—HOODIES!

This summer, Daniel Bryan and Cody Rhodes gave us a sneak peak at WWE's hottest fall fashion trend—hooded jackets. Despite the pyro and cheering crowds, it must get pretty cold walking to the ring in nothing but trunks and boots. We gotta say, though, that The American Dragon and The American Nightmare managed to pull off this look quite stylishly.



28. Starting Our Long Trip On The Road To *WrestleMania*

If you've ever wanted to attend 'Mania, listen up, because a golden opportunity is about to present itself. Tickets for the 28th annual Show of Shows go on sale on November 5th. Don't say we didn't warn you. Will Undertaker extend his winning streak to an epic 20 matches? Will The Rock just bring it to John Cena in the main event, or will The Champ definitively prove that he is the greatest of all time? See you in Miami!

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MUST-WATCH THIS FALL!

And when October rolls around, members of the WWE Universe can get ready to celebrate "Undertaker's Ball" on *WWE Classics* on

BREAKOUT STAR TO WATCH



30. Keeping Things Consistent

Kane has been frightening us for 14 years, dating back to his debut at *Badd Blood* in October 1997. While his ring gear has changed, there is one thing about him that's remained the same: his physique. The Big Red Monster is a model of consistency when it comes to his workout regimen—and we're pretty sure he's never heard this, but he looks great. In an eerie kind of way.

31. Breaking Perfection

This is a plea to Dolph Ziggler: Drop Vickie Guerrero, NOW! You're a seemingly cool dude. You're hilarious on Twitter. You can do better, my friend...a lot better. Hey...we care.



32 JOHNNY CURTIS

→ "Unpredictability is one of the most important attributes I bring to WWE. I'm kind of a jokester, as you might be able to tell. But I think my main strength is that I have a good time in the ring. I'm pretty much out there to entertain. I think some people are taking themselves too seriously on the roster. Guys like Sheamus and Cody Rhodes, they just need to relax and enjoy the ride. I've wanted to do this my whole life—I've got more than 1,500 wrestling tapes right in my living room right now—and it's what I've been doing since I was 15 or 16, so I have nothing to complain about. I've got a smile on my face all the time, and it's a good ride. When I first started wrestling, I was a 160-pound skate punk who looked like he had no business being in the ring, trying to copy the lucha libre style I watched late at night on ECW TV. Now I'm like 6'3", 240 pounds, but you'll still see me incorporate that high-flying style, like my legdrop from the top, or my planchas to the outside."

IT'S A CELEBRATION!

Fall marks the return of our favorite holidays, like Halloween and Thanksgiving, but it also plays host to other special days (and weeks) that don't quite get their due. We think these occasions will become far more memorable once you start celebrating them with WWE in mind. So mark your calendars...



33. NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH • Starts 9/15/11
What began as a week-long celebration in 1968 was expanded to an entire month by President Ronald Reagan some 20 years later. Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua all celebrate their independence on the 15th, the first day of N.H.H.M.
SUPERSTARS TO CELEBRATE Rey Mysterio, Sin Cara & Vickie Guerrero



34. NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK • October 3-9, 2011
Inaugurated in 1920 by President Woodrow Wilson, N.F.P.W. was created to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Turns out that Mrs. O'Leary's cow wasn't the culprit after all. Probably not a great idea to mark this week's festivities with candles on a cake.
SUPERSTAR TO CELEBRATE Kane



35. NATIONAL BOSS DAY • October 17, 2011
Hallmark created its first Boss Day card back in 1979, but the holiday itself was conceived in 1958 by Patricia Bays Haroski—a secretary working for State Farm Insurance. And we thought every day was Boss Day.
SUPERSTARS TO CELEBRATE The Chairman, Big Boss Man



36. CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY • October 20, 2011
The Association for Conflict Resolution sets aside the third Thursday of each October to promote awareness of creative, peaceful means to resolve conflict. Oddly, there are no WWE events scheduled on this day.
SUPERSTARS TO CELEBRATE The Miz and A-Ry (to name just two!)



37. UNITED NATIONS DAY • October 24, 2011
Holy Dag Hammarskjöld! U.N. Day marks the anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations in 1945. Seems like every country in the United Nations should have the day off, right? Just saying.
SUPERSTARS TO CELEBRATE Ezekiel Jackson, Kofi Kingston, Yoshi Tatsu



38. NAVY DAY • October 27, 2011
This date was chosen in 1922 to honor our mariners. It was selected for two reasons: First, to commemorate the birthday of Theodore Roosevelt, and second, to mark the 1775 anniversary of the purchase of merchant ships by the Continental Congress, in the building of an American Navy.
SUPERSTAR TO CELEBRATE Pay your respects to Tugboat!



39. DAY OF THE DEAD • November 1 & 2, 2011
While this celebration can be traced back to the Aztecs, it's modern Mexican incarnation is more closely connected to the Catholic celebrations of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, only with more ornamental skulls (just like that sweet tattoo on Edge's arm).
SUPERSTAR TO CELEBRATE Undertaker



40. WORLD VEGAN DAY • November 1, 2011
Hail *seitan*! Commemorate the coining of the term "Vegan," which was first used in 1944. We're sure you can go at least one day during the fall without eating any animal products. Go ahead, we dare you.
SUPERSTAR TO CELEBRATE Daniel Bryan



41. NATIONAL METAL DAY • November 11, 2011
The VHI Classic channel—you know, the one that actually plays music videos—has designated 11/11/11 as National Metal Day. Why then? Because that's the day everything is turned up to 11!
SUPERSTAR TO CELEBRATE Chris Jericho



42. WORLD HELLO DAY • November 21, 2011
Created as a response to the 1973 conflict between Egypt and Israel, this day encourages individuals to greet 10 strangers as a means of opening up lines of communication. SUPERSTAR TO CELEBRATE Alberto Del Rio—because he's always introducing himself!



43. Missing CM Punk

It's been weeks since The Straight Edge Superstar left WWE, and he certainly saved his best for last (in the ring and on the mic). Sure, he hated the WWE Universe and the company, but he was certainly entertaining. And while his parting words and actions walked the fine line between bravery and stupidity, we enjoyed seeing him teeter on the edge. Maybe some time off will give The Second City Saint some much-needed perspective.

44. Missing Edge

While WWE programming is PG, we crave a serious dose of The Rated-R Superstar from time to time. We're pining for the demonstrative behavior and over-the-top hair-pulling; we're aching for the Spear. Speaking of which, Christian, who now uses Edge's finisher, has also borrowed some of The Ultimate Opportunist's least desirable attributes. If anything, we want Edge back to talk some sense into Captain Charisma. You think he'd make for a great manager?



45 HEADING STRAIGHT TO HELL IN A CELL

→ Going into *Hell In A Cell*, there have been a total of 21 matches inside of Satan's Structure...and Rey Mysterio hasn't competed in a single one of them. Caging a highflier is indeed a cagey proposition, but the Cell's unfriendly confines could offer The Man From The 619 even more perches from which to jump, spring and bounce. Rey's mask might even offer him a distinct advantage, in terms of defensive protection (or a little extra padding), were his face to come into contact with the cage's steel walls.

46. Scouting The Next Superstar

So far, WWE NXT has produced The Nexus, an Intercontinental Champion in Wade Barrett, a U.S. Champion in Daniel Bryan, a lackey-turned-blue-chipper in Alex Riley, a budding movie star in Brodus Clay (he's filming WWE's new horror movie, *No One Lives*, this fall), and two Diva BFFs. All we can say is...keep watching!

47. Styling Like Sin Cara

How cool would it be if you had your own lighting? Sin Cara does! This SD standout not only sets trends in terms of high-flying ring work, but in how Superstars present themselves. Although we're left wondering about one thing: Will we ever see Sin Cara in new ring gear, or are blue and gold his permanent colors?



HOME VIDEO

Find out which WWE discs will be burning up your DVD and Blu-ray players, and wearing down your rewind buttons, this season...and no, *The Very Best of Mantaur* will not be one of them.

48. RKO DVD

Can you believe that Randy Orton has never had a DVD or Blu-ray to call his own? We're putting an end to that injustice with the 9/6/11 release of *WWE Randy Orton: The Evolution of a Predator*. This documentary-style three-disc set introduces us to a side of The Viper that the WWE Universe has truly never seen.

49. Ladders, Ladders, Everywhere

In 2007, we brought you *The Ladder Match* on DVD—and it was awesome. On October 11th, we step it up a rung to bring you the inevitable sequel, *WWE: The Ladder Match 2: Crash and Burn*, on DVD and Blu-ray, featuring new matches not seen on the original.

50. Inside The Game

Triple H will return to cinemas this fall in *Inside Out*. The Game teams up again with his *Blade Trinity* co-star Parker Posey, as well as Michael Rapaport, to play a recently released prisoner thrust back into a life of crime (out 9/27/11).

51. Shawn Michaels vs. Bret Hart

We still can't believe that Bret Hart and Shawn Michaels buried the hatchet back in January of 2010. Even more unbelievable is the fact that they actually sat down to speak about the intertwining paths of their respective careers in this remarkable release (out 10/25/11).

52. Bionic Redneck Blu-ray

Is that the sound of shattering glass we hear? Why, yes, it is! It's also the first-ever comprehensive biographical release on the life and career of Stone Cold Steve Austin. This DVD/Blu-ray (out 11/29/11) includes never-before-seen interviews.

53. The Reunion

After the death of their father, a cop, a bail bondsman & a thief are duped by their sister to reunite as a family to earn their inheritance. Instead, they end up tied into a kidnapping/murder. John Cena stars in his latest caper, on DVD and Blu-ray 11/8/11.

54. Predicting the Future

All we hear out of Drew McIntyre's mouth is how he's the future of this business. So it's time for the so-called Chosen One to put up or shut up.

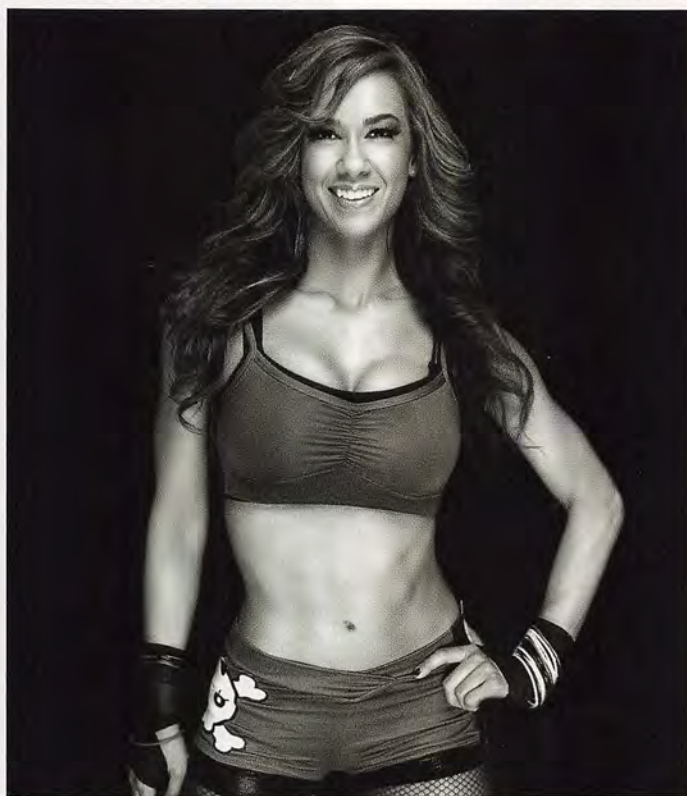
We have seen Drew engaging in some in-depth conversations with fellow Scotsman, "Rowdy" Roddy Piper. A Hot Rod-fueled Drew McIntyre? Now that's a future we'd look forward to.

BREAKOUT STARS TO WATCH



56 JINDER MAHAL

→ "On *SmackDown*, there's a lot of opportunity and a lot of young guys—a lot of room for someone like me to come in and make a name for himself. I've never had to work to be the best because I was born the best, and I was always provided with the best. I consider myself to be one of the fastest rising stars in all of WWE. I'm very aggressive in the ring, and I bring a blend of speed and size that few possess. My aura and my mystique intrigue people, as do my confidence and my power over others—after all, I manipulated The Great Khali. I'll continue to make an impact, until hopefully, my potential is realized and I can get some real competition—whether it be for the Intercontinental Championship or the World Heavyweight Title. Maybe there's even a Tag Team Championship run with The Great Khali in my future."



57 A.J.

→ "I'm trying to redefine the word 'Divas.' Divas don't have to be super-girly, ultra-feminine, Barbie dolls—there's room in WWE for girl-next-door types. I see myself as the ultimate underdog, and a lot of people can relate to that. Not everyone is super-jacked and strong and the superwoman type. Some of us just have to fight. I'm just like every little kid out there. What I bring is a lifetime of watching and enjoying WWE—I'm kind of like a fan who snuck her way in. I'm sort of proud of that. I might come off as this bubbly person, but that's because I come from a rough past. Before I even started in WWE, I was living in a car. I wasn't scouted for WWE; I paid my dues, and I literally starved for two months making ends meet. Beth [Phoenix] was at my tryout and gave me a special, awesome pep talk, saying, 'Yeah, you can do this.' Then I got signed."

WORLD-CHAMPIONSHIP CALIBER

The fall always makes us nostalgic for WCW's defunct autumn pay-per-views. If we had our way, we'd bring back all three of these classics.

58. Figuring Things Out

You won't have to wait until Christmas to score some brand-new WWE action figures. This September, Mattel launches *WWE Series 12*, which includes the likes of Randy Orton, Alberto Del Rio and John Morrison, along with Wade Barrett, Evan Bourne and Rey Mysterio. We almost feel bad for the Wade and Alberto figures as they're outnumbered two-to-one by the good guys...almost.



59. Halloween Havoc 1989-2000

Alliteration always helps when naming a pay-per-view, as does tying it into the one holiday that involves dressing up and wearing face paint. Rey Mysterio contested some of his finest WCW matches at this event. Here's an idea, how about an all-high-flyers pay-per-view with a Halloween theme?

60. Fall Brawl 1993-2000

This PPV was home to the classic War Games stip. The rules were as follows—two teams square off in a cage. The match starts with two opponents, and every two minutes another combatant enters the fray. There were no pinfalls and no disqualifications, so the only way to win was through sheer brutality.

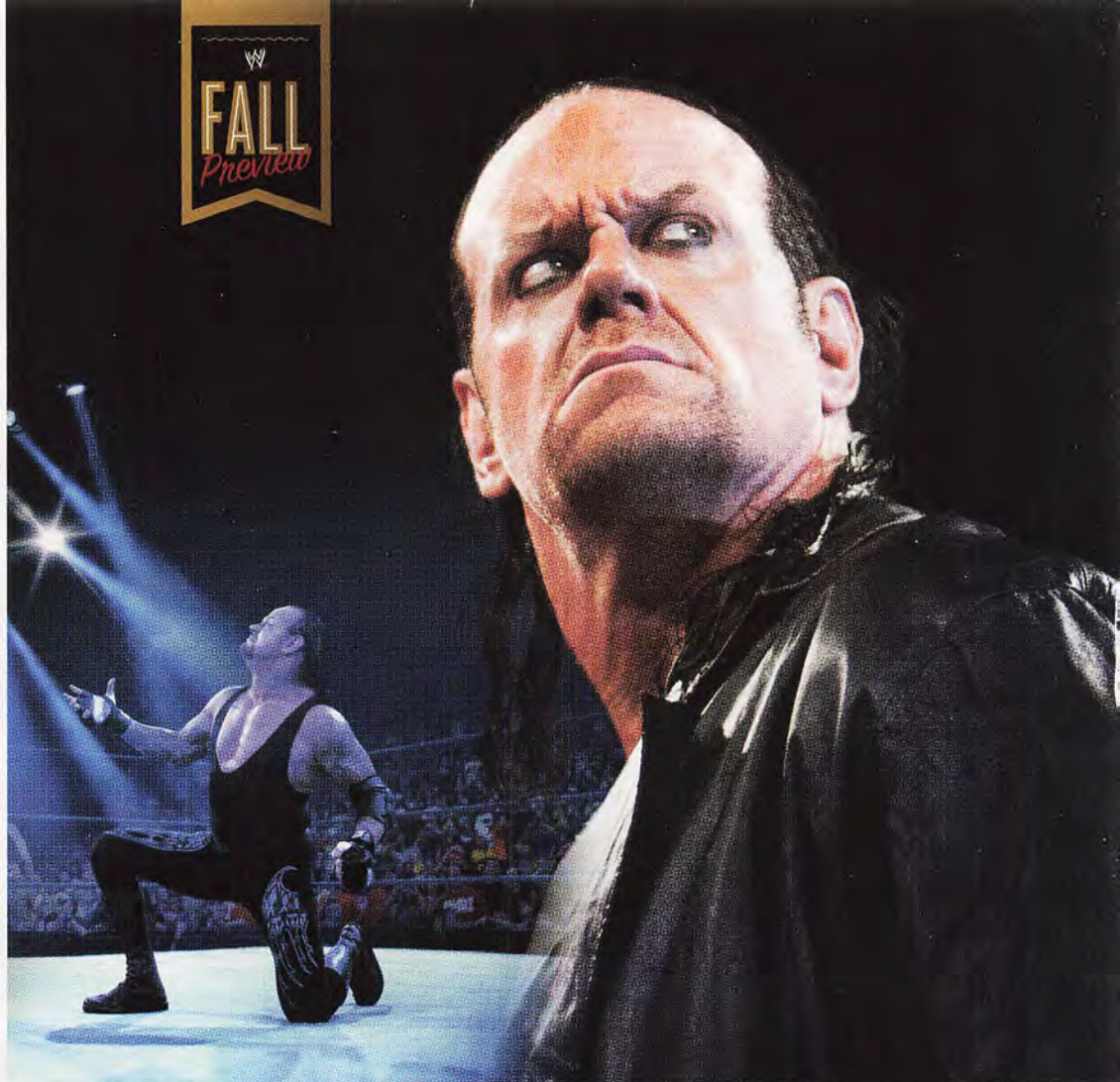
61. Starrcade 1983-2000

WCW's answer to *WM*, it was its only event to occur in the fall. Think of *Starrcade* the way you do those classic AFL Championship games contested before the NFL merger and the Super Bowl. If you haven't seen *WWE: Starrcade: The Essential Collection*, then you're missing out on a key era in grappling history.

62

THE DEAD WILL RISE (AGAIN)

→ On October 23, *Vengeance* rises from the grave in the form of an all-new pay-per-view. What better time and place for Undertaker to make his return to a WWE ring? After all, it was a year and day to the date that The Deadman lost a Buried Alive Match to Kane with the aid of The Nexus at 2010's *WWE Bragging Rights*. The Phenom hasn't come calling for revenge on that score (some streak got in the way). So if we were Kane or Wade Barrett, we'd watch our backs come October. And if you happen to hear that ominous gong, you'll know that the bell indeed tolls for thee.



63. Dressing Up For Halloween

When it comes to quality Halloween costumes, you should start planning early. This year, we demand that members of the WWE Universe dress up as our favorite vampires—before they were mainstream cool!—The Brood. You'll need the following: fangs, sunglasses, trench coats, crushed velvet purple pants, frilly pirate shirts, and plenty of red Kool-Aid. But just don't try to duplicate their entrance...please.

64. Dressing Down For Halloween

Or...you can save some time and



money and dress up like one of Cody Rhodes's insulted fans by cutting holes in a brown paper bag and covering your face with it. As a bonus, you can use the bag for all your loot.

65. Drinking A Cold One

Stone Cold doesn't seem to be too particular about his brand of brew. We assume that's because he spills more suds than he consumes in the ring. But if you want to try yourself a fine beer, might we recommend staff favorite, Samuel Adams Octoberfest? Unlike The Texas Rattlesnake, you won't want to spill a drop of this stuff.

66. Smashing Pumpkins

Meet WWE's newest Superstar: Jack O'Lantern! Just kidding—but this Halloween, when you put knife to pumpkin think, "Which Superstar would look great carved into an orange gourd?" Try your steady hand at something like Rey Mysterio's mask. And email us your results!

67. Uso Fever!

The first time we saw The Usos perform their Siva Tau on *SmackDown*, we were riveted. And we've remained riveted each and every time since. Jimmy and Jey caught the attention of the entire WWE Universe with their traditional dance (it's hard not to watch, with all the yelling and slapping), but can they turn their pre-match ritual into post-match success?



68. Our Miz-take

At some point this fall, the unthinkable will happen: The Miz will actually become tolerable to watch every Monday night on *Raw*. What can we say? He's worn us down over the past two years. Week after week, he's been telling us how awesome he is, and we've refused to accept it. The rhetoric has finally gotten to us. We believe the message. Miz—you win. Congratulations. Michael Cole is right.



69. Covering The Walls

Whenever cameras go backstage, you'll often see oversized posters of *WWE Magazine* hanging on the walls of the general manager or guest star's office. They also hang in our hallowed halls here in Titan Tower. Now, those very ones can cover up any cracks in your walls at home. Check out the latest releases on WWEshop.com. And let us know which covers you'd like to see blown up in the future! And don't forget your discount code: **MAG09!**

BREAKOUT STAR TO WATCH



71 KAITLYN

→ "There are two types of Divas, the bruiser—the really powerful competitors like Beth, Tamina and Natalya—and then the more girly Divas. I look at myself as a hybrid of the two. My personality is also kind of out there, and that makes me a little bit different. I'm kind of a jackass, but I strive to be everything that I am. I'm really new as far as WWE goes—and I'm learning fast. But I've always been super-athletic; I played soccer my entire childhood, for about 13 years. I was really obsessed with muscle- and bodybuilding from a very young age, which people thought was really weird. When I was 14, I asked for my own weight bench and set of weights to keep in my room. And I got it! What I'd like people to know is that I don't take myself too seriously, and I'm very down-to-earth—I'm like a bull in a china shop. In fact, that's what should be on my T-shirt, a huge cartoon bull with my signature hair colors, the black and the blond, maybe wearing a leopard shirt, just smashing things in a china shop. Hmmm, that's actually amazing."



THE GREATEST FALLS IN WWE HISTORY!

Look out, below! We've assembled the most insane, breathtaking, ill-advised falls in history—and listed them in this handy little chart.



72. LEAP OF FAITH

• *Unforgiven*, 9/21/03

Shane McMahon tries to finish off Kane in a Last Man Standing Match with a suicide dive from the top of the TitanTron set. But the cunning Big Red Monster slips away at the last second...and Shane fails to answer the referee's 10-count.



73. BROKEN IN HALF

• *King Of The Ring*, 6/28/98

The demented Mankind climbs the Cell before the Hell In A Cell Match, and is thrown off the top of the cage by Undertaker—and through the announce table! Despite the pleas of trainers, Mankind returns to the match only to be slammed through the Cell to the ring below.



74. HEARTBREAKING

• *Armageddon*, 12/15/02

Shawn Michaels is inches away from grabbing the World Heavyweight Championship in a Three Stages Of Hell Match, until Triple H pushes his ladder over, driving The Heartbreak Kid into a stack of four tables on the outside. Are you serious?!



75. AIR WARRIOR

• *SmackDown*, 7/15/04

Eddie Guerrero is seconds from reclaiming his WWE Championship from JBL, but decides to deliver a 15-foot-high Frog Splash to finish off The Texas Loudmouth once and for all. He connects, but hurts his ribs too much to make the cover.



76. THE BIGGEST LOSER

• *Armageddon*, 12/10/00

The fact that the 400-plus pound Rikishi is able to climb to the top of the Hell In A Cell structure is an amazing feat in and of itself. But all that work is for naught—Undertaker slams "The Kish" straight into the bed of a pick-up truck (with some truly amazing shocks) waiting below.



77. MID-AIR SPEARING

• *WrestleMania X-Seven*, 4/1/01

In one of the most iconic moments in WWE history, Edge lunges from a 20-foot-tall ladder to hit a body-breaking Spear on Jeff Hardy as the latter hangs from the World Tag Team Titles above the ring. This is the bout (and moment) that defined the Tables, Ladders and Chairs Match.



78. A SCOLDING OFF THE SCAFFOLDING

• *Raw*, 1/14/08

Jeff Hardy dodges a punt from WWE Champion Randy Orton and back-drops him from the stage. Instead of going for the pin and the win, Hardy decides to climb to the top of the *Raw* set to land a Swanton Bomb on the prone Orton. Totally not worth it, but awesome nonetheless.



79. DROPPING THE BOOM

• *WWE Money In The Bank*, 7/18/10

During the *SmackDown* MITB Ladder Match, Kofi Kingston pulls Drew McIntyre to the outside and lays him on the announce table. He then hits the Boom Drop from atop a ladder to destroy the Scotsman and shatter the table in two.



80. FALLING GOLD STANDARD

• The 25th Anniversary of *WrestleMania*, 4/5/09

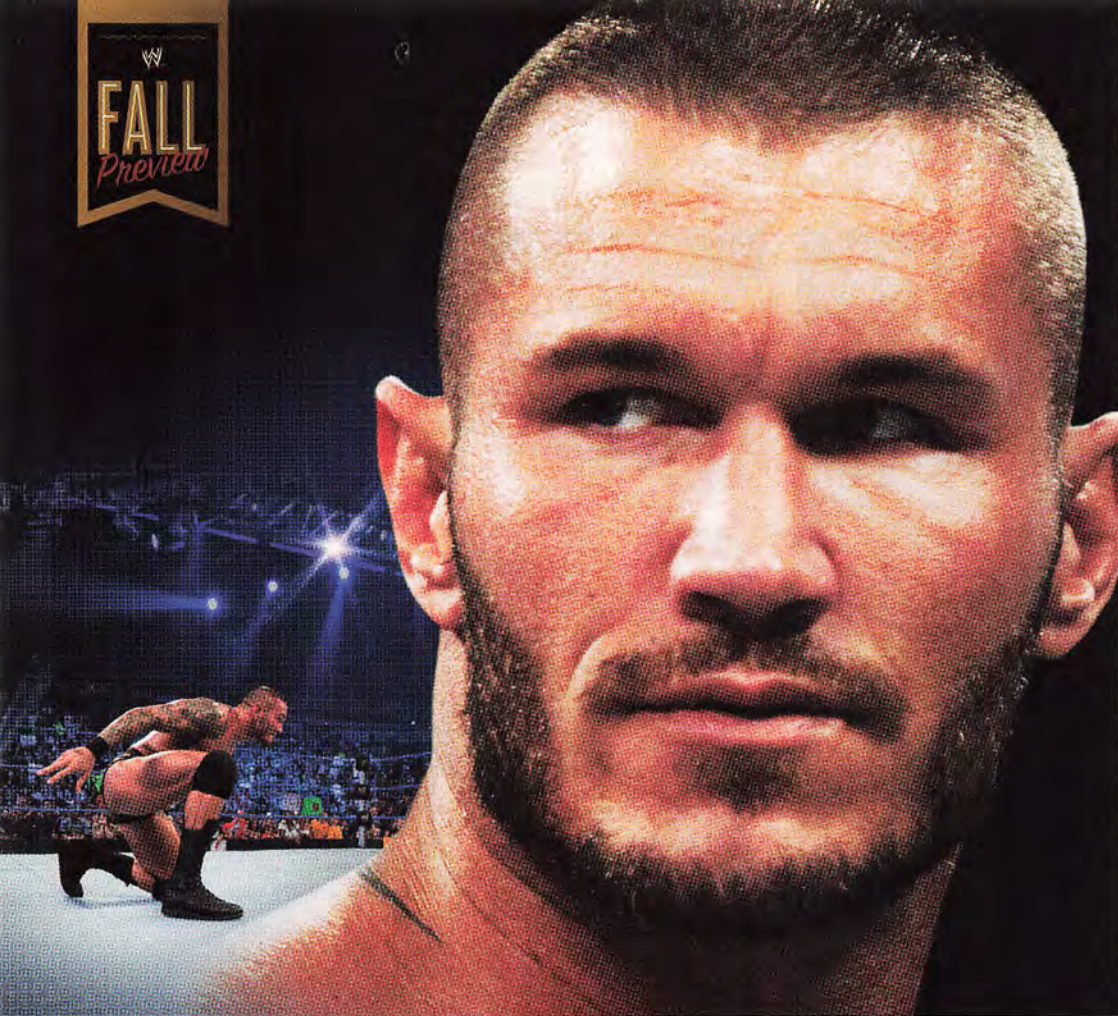
With five of his MITB foes waiting below, Shelton Benjamin leaps from a ladder set up smack dab in the center of the entrance ramp, and nails his own version of a Swanton Bomb—knocking them down like bowling pins. The crowd's roaring reaction to this move, unfortunately, is not fit to be printed in this publication.



81. PAYING THE COST TO BE BOSS

• *WrestleMania 22*, 4/2/06

Shawn Michaels stuffs Mr. McMahon into a trash can and sets him on a table. He then climbs a ladder that rises twice the height of the ring, which JR conservatively estimates is 24-feet high. And, after one DX chop, Shawn drops the elbow of a lifetime on The Chairman, sending them both through the aforementioned table.



82 PREDATORIAL SURVIVAL

→ Historically speaking, The Viper's survival skills are unprecedented in WWE's fall classic pay-per-view. Randy Orton has won four of his six traditional *Survivor Series* Team Matches, and even the two times he lost, he was the last remaining member of his squad. Throw in an additional two successful title defenses, and The Apex Predator's *Survivor Series*'s record stands at an impressive 6-2. If there were sign-up sheets in the locker room to be on Randy's team for this year's event, you better believe that most Superstars' names would be on it. And if you're an Orton fan, like we are, this is the must-watch pay-per-view this season.

83. Who You Calling A Turkey, Chicken?

Who will be wearing the infamous Gobbledy Gooker costume come this Thanksgiving? Your guess is as good as ours. Maryse was the last individual to don the googly-eyed and feathered mask, and she told us that it smelled terrible inside there. But how amazing would it be if Jack Swagger's former fan, the Soaring Eagle, took the job? A mascot dressed as a mascot...that just made our heads explode.



84. Protecting Your Neck

Late November is the perfect time to start wearing a scarf for warmth and style. While you might argue that this is a look that works for Alberto Del Rio all year round, might we remind you that you're not a millionaire descended from Mexican royalty?

85. Updating Diva Dress Codes

It should also be noted that even though it's getting colder, the Divas will still be wearing the same outfits that they always do. Call them "tough" and yourself "lucky."

86. Naming Rights

Will *Survivor Series* team names finally make a return to the pay-per-view this year? How about "Del Rio's Roughnecks" or "The R-Truth Commission," or even the "The Mizfits."

87. Looking Like A Bad Dude

There was a time when facial hair connoted certain negative Superstar attributes, or that someone's usually more crowd-friendly temperament was about to change. But that's all in the past. Beloved Superstars such as Randy Orton and John Morrison have put their razors away, and since it's No-Shave November, we look forward to doing the same to our faces.

▶ GAMING UNTIL WE CAN'T STAY AWAKE ANY LONGER!

THQ revolutionizes the way gamers wrestle with this fall's *WWE '12*!

Mark your calendars (or at least update them in your iPhone) because on November 22, 2011, the future of WWE gaming is about to fall into your sweaty hands. Here's five new things you need to know about *WWE '12*.



88. This is the first WWE video game appearance for Alberto Del Rio, and Ricardo Rodriguez!



89. Predator technology shows Superstar moves more fluidly and allows for counters mid-maneuver.



90. A "second-wind" feature gives worn-down characters an extra energy boost to score an upset.



91. You can now "save" your finishing maneuvers to use whenever you want. RKO=totally easy now.



92. Breaking point submissions means no more button mashing or stick rolling to get out of arm bars.

BREAKOUT STAR TO WATCH



94. Waiting For The Best In The World At What He Does

Fozzy's summer world tour is over. *Dancing With The Stars* has yet to announce a season that invites back former contestants. Other than waiting for the Winnipeg Jets to play their first NHL game back in Manitoba on October 9th against the Montréal Canadiens, we can't think of any autumnal obligations that might keep Chris Jericho from doing what he does best—owning the ring and the microphone in WWE.



95. Going Digital

If you suffer from the fear of paper cuts (according to Urban Dictionary, it's commonly known as "Pulpuslacrataphobia") we might have a solution to your condition: *WWE Magazine* in iPad form. It's all the same great content, but with none of the dead trees to add to your ecological guilt. But to all those non-iPad addicts out there, don't worry, you can still buy the print edition, and no one will call you a tree-killer. As a bonus, you can still squash bugs with the rolled up paper version. Coming soon!



96. Talking Like A Redhead

First it was Sheamus, who had us calling everybody (regardless of their gender) "Fellah" for most of the year. Thanks to some lengthy meetings with the HR department, we've gotten past that, but now we're on to Heath Slater's favorite saying, "Naw Mean!" We can't stop. Please help us.

97. Making Rhodes With Cody

In the pages of this very magazine, Cody Rhodes claimed that he would go on Twitter whenever Tom Hanks got an account. Well, Mr. Hanks does indeed have an account. So Cody, we

demand that you be a man of your word and start Tweeting immediately. It's not like you don't have anything to say; plus, you're kind of a hermit, what with that mask and downer attitude.

98. Saluting Veterans

Do your best John Cena-at-the-top-of-the-TitanTron-ramp impersonation and salute the brave men and women who have served (or are currently serving) in our nation's armed services on this Veterans Day. Even though this is something you should do 365 days a year, make today extra special. And don't forget, it's a federal holiday—so most government agencies are closed.

99. Wondering All About Wales

Welsh big man Mason Ryan certainly made an impact in WWE when he was immediately indoctrinated into The New Nexus. But between injuries and CM Punk's ego, this freight train of a human being was derailed. Something similar happened to Ezekiel Jackson during his rookie year (injuries + poor management) and he returned stronger and more dominant than ever. The same could hold true for Mason.

100. Hunting Wild Game With The Showstopper

It's hunting season somewhere, so we can only assume that Shawn Michaels, with crossbow in hand, is on the trail of his next big-game animal.

But here's a thought: There's another retired WWE Superstar who happens to be from Texas, too, enjoys hunting and has main-evented *WrestleMania XIV*. Let's stick Stone Cold and HBK together in a hunting stand and see what happens. They could be the Odd Couple of the Great Outdoors.



101 ZACK RYDER

→ "This fall I'm not only going to be the undisputed Internet Champion, but I might just win the United States, Tag Team or even the WWE Championship. I might even date the Divas Champion. The WWE Universe would be scared if the Zack Pack took over. You can get Curt Hawkins, Primo, or Trent Barreta. Maybe even Scott Stanford, who knows? It would be like a modern day nWo, destroying everything. Instead of spray-painting people's backs, we'd use spray tanner on their backs, making it read, 'Zack Pack.' I don't know if that's a good influence on little kids, though. I'm all about being my own man, being entertaining, and being unique. People want to see Zack Ryder. People want to hear what I'm going to say. People want to know what I'm going to do next. Hundreds of thousands YouTube watchers can't be wrong. I'm the one who's going to give you something different. I'm the one who the crowds are going to see go from basically nothing to WWE Champion—the fastest-rising WWE Champion in history from the bottom to the top. Woo Woo Woo, you know it!"

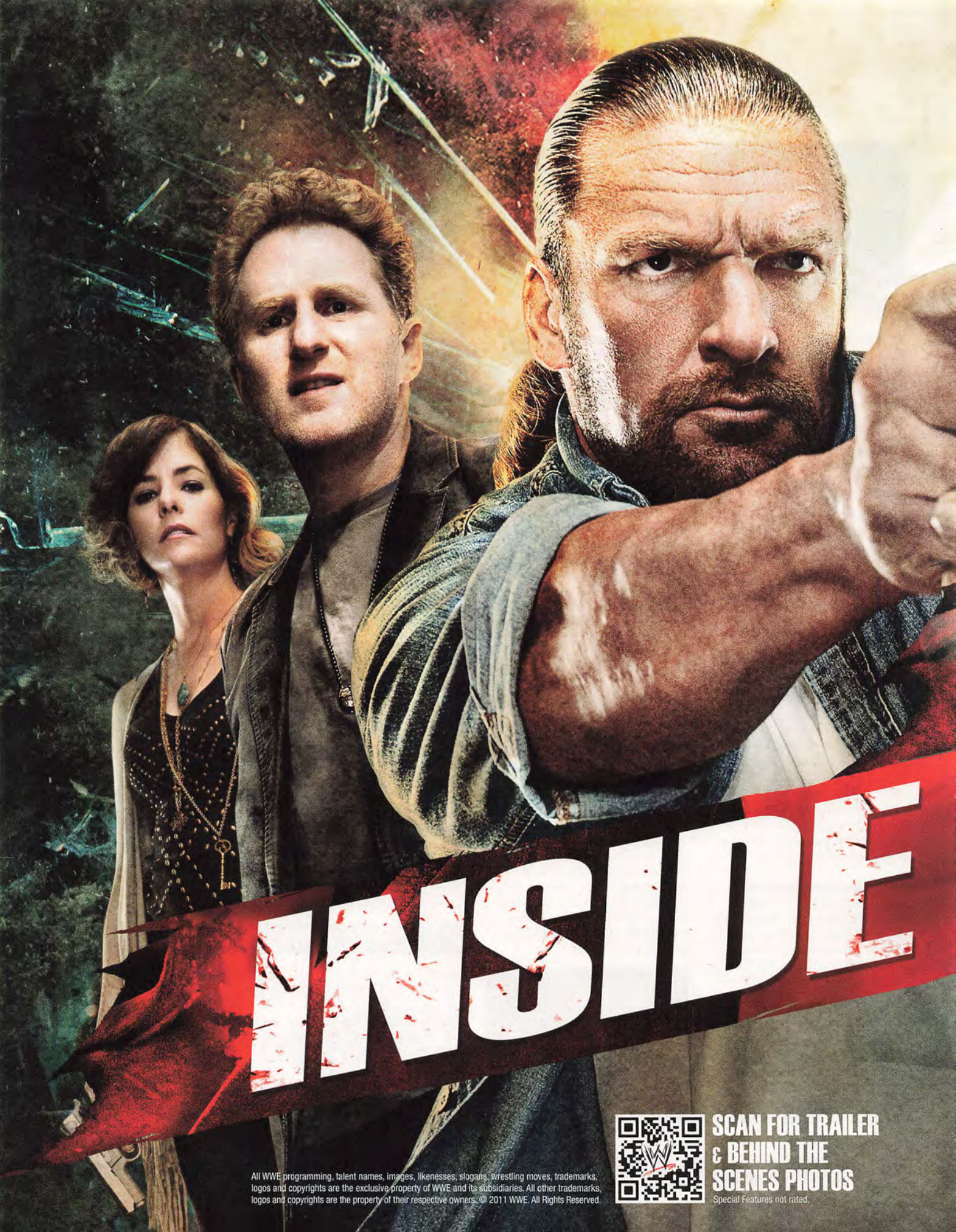


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**Little Jimmy Comes Through For John Cena—
And R-Truth's Antics Come Back To Haunt Him**

For weeks, R-Truth dissed John Cena's younger following, writing them off as a bunch of "Little Jimmys," and even going so far as to harass kids wearing Cena gear. The ramblings and weeks of crowing about "conspiracies" finally backfired on Truth during his WWE Championship Match at *WWE Capitol Punishment*. While hot-dogging outside the ring, Truth spotted a youngster clad in The Champ's red, white and blue, and tried to steal his beverage. The kid had other plans, however, and doused Raw's new conspiracy theorist with the drink! That allowed Cena to hit Truth with an Attitude Adjustment and seal the win. Sure, this kid may not be tall enough yet to ride a roller coaster, but he came through for The Champ in the clutch—and that's what counts. **6/19 WWE Capitol Punishment**

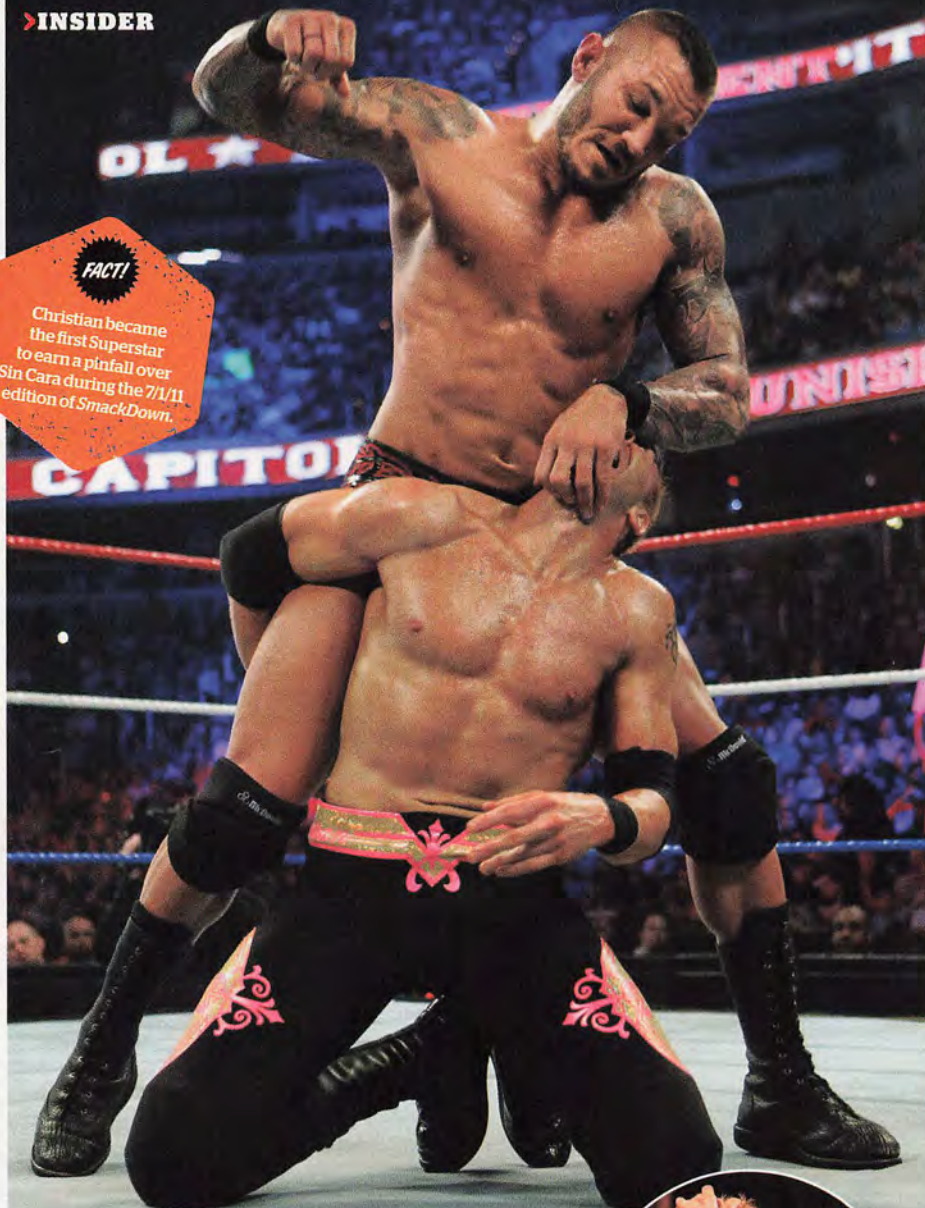


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Christian became the first Superstar to earn a pinfall over Sin Cara during the 7/1/11 edition of SmackDown.



Biggest Loser!

Ditching His Peeps Doesn't Lead Captain Charisma To A Win Against Randy Orton

Christian didn't fare any better in his second bid to win back his World Heavyweight Championship against The Viper at *WWE Capitol Punishment*. But why did Captain Charisma, who came within a near fall of recapturing the title a month ago, stumble? Probably because the support of the WWE Universe was noticeably absent from his corner this time. Christian had abandoned his Peeps weeks prior, blaming them for choosing Randy Orton as his foe in his first title defense in May. And so, without their support, Captain Charisma looked out of sync for much of this 15-minute bout. Instead of dominating Orton, Christian always seemed on the defensive, anxiously awaiting The Viper's RKO. He failed to string together enough offense to put Orton away, and in the rare moments when he did gain the upper hand, as he did when he caught Orton in a Spear, he couldn't close the deal. A well-timed RKO and a marred finish finally put an end to Christian's hopes of reclaiming the title. And, adding insult to injury (or vice versa), The Viper crowned Christian with the title after the bout. **6/19 WWE Capitol Punishment**



Christian just found out about the debt ceiling.

Toughest Competitor

Andy Leavine's "Silent Rage" Persona Propels Him To Tough Enough Victory On Raw

Andy Leavine endured ropes courses, dog attacks, roller skating and weekly verbal tirades from Stone Cold to win the new season of *Tough Enough*. Leavine performed well on a weekly basis, eschewing the house partying and opting to spend that extra time in the gym. And, thankfully for Leavine, his "Silent Rage" persona emerged when it counted to catch the eyes of trainers, pushing him past rivals Luke and Jeremiah at a time in the competition when his solid work ethic alone wouldn't have guaranteed victory. The effort paid off, and Leavine was crowned the winner on *Raw*. But the Florida International University football star was met with a slap from Mr. McMahon and a Stone Cold Stunner—a heckuva welcome to the biz. Let's hope his head stopped spinning long enough for him to enjoy the accomplishment. **6/6 Raw**

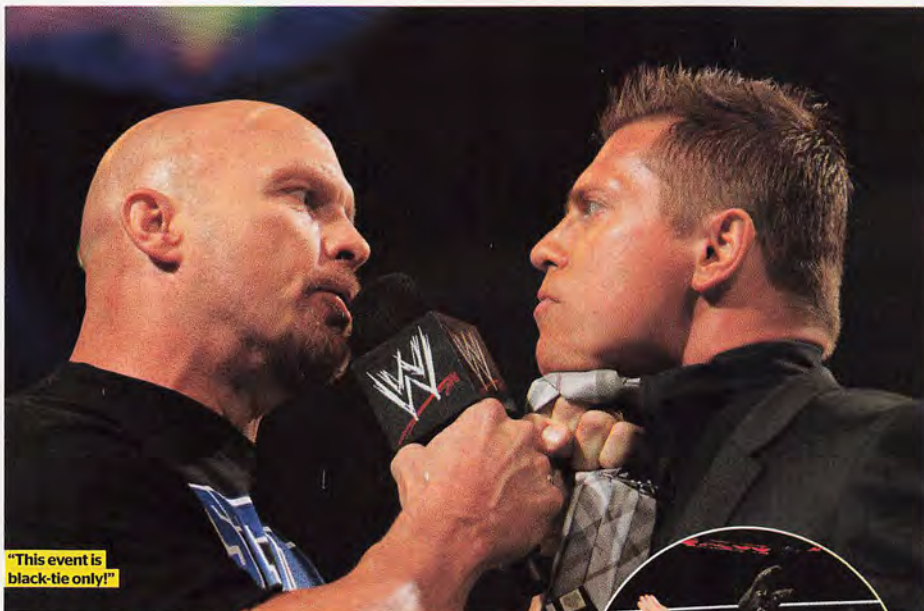


Still better than being named "Skidmarks."

Tough Talk

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Days between the *Tough Enough* Season 4 finale & The Miz's in-ring debut—showing there's still a lot more work ahead for Andy.



Shocker Of The Year Nominee!



Stone Cold Steve Austin Takes Over Monday Night Raw On Consecutive Weeks—And “Rowdy” Roddy Piper & Booker T Join The Party

The veterans proved they could still run with the young guns when Stone Cold made back-to-back appearances on *Raw* this June. As *Raw* GM, The Texas Rattlesnake matched wits with CM Punk and The Miz, and doled out his unique brand of punishment on Michael Cole—Stunning the loudmouth announcer and burying him in a bath of Keystone Light. Austin's fellow *Tough Enough* trainer, Booker T, also shined, scoring a countout victory against The All-American American, Jack Swagger. And, not to be outdone, “Rowdy” Roddy Piper, at age 57, talked circles around The Miz in a special edition of “Piper’s Pit,” before rolling The Miz up for his first WWE victory in more than five years. Piper’s performance, as well as these other veterans’ feats, proved that old-school is—and will always be—cool. **6/6, 6/13 Raw**

WWE 101

Mind-blowing phenomena often occur in the WWE Universe without explanation—and these things are not detailed in the encyclopedia. So, we’ve offered these additions to your wrestling lexicon.



→ SUPERSTAR SPECIAL [n.]

A maneuver in which a larger Superstar throws his smaller teammate into his opponent(s). It takes its name from the “fastball special,” a comic-book term describing the collaborative maneuver Colossus and Wolverine utilized to launch the latter into battle in *X-Men*. The move was performed regularly—and to perfection—by Jim “The Anvil” Neidhart. Below, Ezekiel Jackson and Daniel Bryan combine for a Superstar Special in a Six-Man Tag Match during the 6/13/11 edition of *Raw*.



Rivalry Of The Year!

Kofi Kingston & Dolph Ziggler Steal The Show...Twice

The move to Monday nights did little to cool the rivalry between Kofi Kingston and Dolph Ziggler, as they reprised their winter feud, grappling during two stellar matches that highlighted their speed and athleticism. During an otherwise wild Monday night, Kingston emptied his in-ring arsenal in a rematch that stood out for its sound ring work on both sides of the contest. **6/20 Raw**



Biggest Beatdown

Big Show Decimates Ricardo Rodriguez In A Savage Assault During Raw

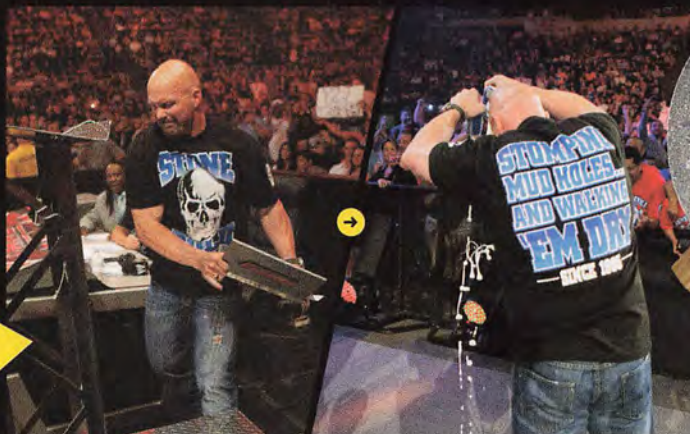
Ever see a grizzly bear attack its prey on those Animal Planet programs? Well, that’s exactly what it looked like when Big Show sprinted to the ring to exact revenge upon Alberto Del Rio and Ricardo Rodriguez. The World’s Largest Athlete pummeled the diminutive Rodriguez, leaving him in a crumpled heap as Del Rio scampered away. **6/13 Raw**



Between The Ropes

The Month's Highest Spots & Lowest Splats

OFF THE TOP ROPE!



Stone Cold dumps beer on the Anonymous Raw GM's laptop and runs it over twice for good measure. **6/13 Raw**



THE GOOD!



Kelly Kelly rolls up Brie Bella for her first Divas Championship. **6/20 Raw**



Ezekiel Jackson gives the Torture Rack a renaissance, much to Wade Barrett's dismay. **6/19 WWE Capitol Punishment**



Sin Cara's remarkable undefeated streak remains perfect during the month of June. **6/24 SmackDown**



Yoshi Tatsu creates a shrine to his action figure, and makes a bid to play the next Cerrano in the sequel to Major League. **6/21 WWE NXT**

THE BAD!



The bag Lucky Cannon gave to Maryse is revealed to be a knock-off. **6/14 WWENXT**



The Corre is no more. Couldn't have happened to a nicer group of gents, either. **6/10 SmackDown**



Big Show! Kane! Big Show again! Mark Henry is attacking everybody up in here! **6/19 WWE Capitol Punishment**



Titus O'Neil endures a rare loss due to accidental interference on the part of his Pro, Hornswoggle. **6/21 WWE NXT**

THE UGLY!



Ricardo Rodriguez imitates Big Show two weeks after hitting him with Del Rio's car. **6/6 Raw**



The Great Khali crushes Trent Barreta's head into mush. **6/10 SmackDown**



Heath Slater & Justin Gabriel can't find a matching color scheme for their new ring gear. **6/24 SmackDown**

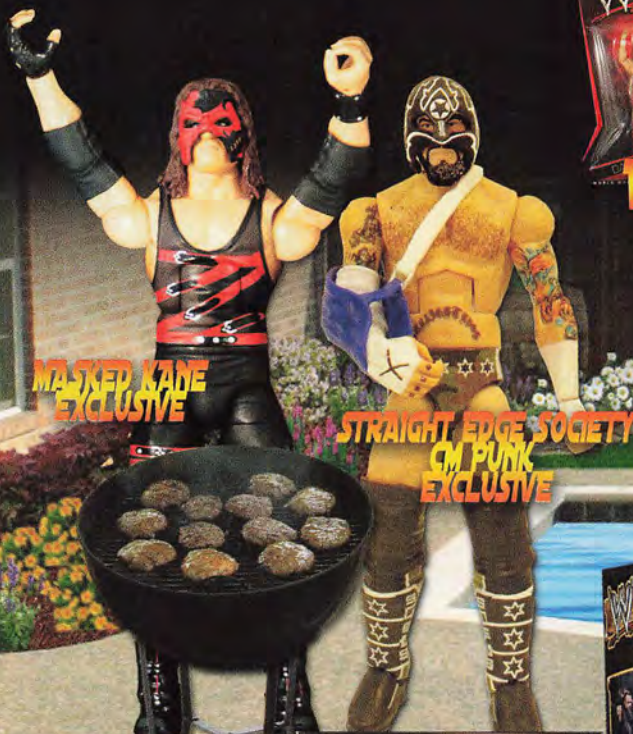


Vickie Guerrero faces Michael Cole in a dance contest that gives us the bad kind of shakes. **6/20 Raw**

THE WORST!



After suffering from a mysterious backstage attack, John Morrison is squashed by R-Truth. **6/13 Raw**



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Match Of The Year Nominee!

Mysterio, Del Rio & Punk Vie For A Shot At The WWE Title

Alberto Del Rio and Rey Mysterio always create stellar WWE moments, so it came as no surprise that this match reached a whole other level when CM Punk was added to the mix. The bout was total chaos early, with each man trying to score a quick win. As the action wound down, however, Rey took charge, setting up Del Rio for a finishing combination that left him out cold. But just before the ref hit the three-count, Punk grabbed Rey by the pants and launched him into the ring post to steal the win. **6/20 Raw**



The Everyone-Must-Wear-Silver Match.

Biggest Debut!

A.J. Adds Some Sassiness To SmackDown

A.J. Lee, the 5-foot 2-inch spark-plug who finished third in *WWE NXT*, burst onto *SmackDown* in a blur of Chuck Taylors and skeleton tights. And it wasn't long before she scored her first win—an upset victory against Tamina! **6/10 SmackDown**



Twitpoll

June was the month of the Spinnerooni in WWE. Of these three men, this is who Twitter users believed performed Booker T's signature maneuver the best.

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Captain Of His Own Fate

After his long-awaited World Title was ripped away from him, **Christian** opened up to us about his matches against Orton, the phone call with Edge that changed his life, and the reason he doesn't need your respect.

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Did you ever think that among The Hardys, Edge and yourself, you would be the last one left standing in WWE?

Definitely not. And to be honest, I've never really thought about it until just now. Those guys are a part of my career and will always be linked to it and vice versa. We were young coming into this business, and put each other on the map with our matches—the Ladder Matches, especially. But it's strange the journey life takes you on. And it's surreal to think I'm the last one here. It's bittersweet, too. Edge and I were looking forward to re-forming and doing one last Edge and Christian run. One last, fun go at it, facing off against the younger guys now that we're a little older, a little wiser.

What was your conversation with Edge like when he told you he had to call it quits?

He told me as soon as he got the news. I did what any friend would, and tried to comfort him. It's hard when you're at the level he is and you've done the things that he has done, and it's not your choice to walk away. Ultimately, you want to be the one to say, "OK—it's time to hang it up." I think that's what troubled him the most. But I kept positive and told him he did do things on his own terms. His final match was at *WrestleMania XXVII* in front of 70,000 people. He walked to the ring as the World Champion and walked out as World Champion. I don't think there's a better way he could have ended his story than that.

Stanley Cup winners get at least a day with the Cup. You got about five with your title. Did you even get a chance to celebrate with it?

No, not as much as I would have liked, because I was so busy that night. Luckily, I was able to go home and have a few friends over, but I didn't really get a chance to celebrate and soak it up since I had to go to *Raw* the next day. It was a whirlwind. So, that being said, I look forward to becoming a

two-time World Champion and spending a little bit more time with it. I'm not the type of guy to carry it around, though, and show it off. All I want is to display it on my mantle as a reminder of how hard I work, and all that I've done in my career to earn it.

Ever since you lost your title, it seems the old, evil Christian has been rearing his head. Do you enjoy being a jerk more?

[Laughs.] Honestly, I haven't really changed who I am. My entire life, I felt like I had something to prove, so I kind of walked around with a chip on my shoulder. And anyone who really knows me would tell you that. I'm not that much different today than when I started—the volume's just cranked up a bit more. But I've always been true to myself, and that's the most important thing that I've learned. When I fight to win back the World Title, I can't do it for anybody else. I have to do it for me. If anybody else has a problem with that, too bad.

One man who seems to have a problem with it is Randy Orton. You two have been contesting some epic five-star matches lately. What makes for the magic in the ring?

It's one of those things where we just have that chemistry. I can't put my finger on it; it's a strange type of chemistry, but it just works. I think it's the

difference in our styles. He is much more deliberate and methodical in the ring than I am. I like to keep things moving at a quicker pace—that's when I'm in my comfort zone. So when he slows down, he gets me out of my rhythm and really challenges my game. But Randy's definitely one of the toughest competitors I've ever been up against. He's smart. He's cunning. He's World Champion for a reason.

You're one of the last holdouts from the '90s. Do you see yourself as a veteran, or do you still feel like the new kid?

I'm definitely a veteran. No question. And it always makes me laugh when the younger guys tell me they remember where they were when I contested a certain match. It makes me feel old, but it's cool to hear that. Honestly, veteran or not, I feel better now than ever. My body's holding up. I feel good physically and mentally. If anything, Edge's departure has inspired me to work harder. It's opened my eyes and made me realize that, hey, this thing could end at any second. Stop wasting time. If you're going to do it, you're going to do it now.

Do you feel that you don't get enough respect for all that you've done in your WWE career?

It's funny, I do think I've been somewhat overlooked, but I always viewed that as a challenge. Everyone else seems to get more upset about it than I do. I never doubted that my talent would shine through in the end, no matter what. I believe I am one of the best and I work to prove that every night I go out there. The question has never been, "Will my time ever come?" It's always been, "When will it come?" Edge moved on and won so many titles, but you can't compare us. We are two different people with two different paths. I never asked why I didn't get what he did; I looked at it as, "What can I do to step up and make myself better?" And every night, I go out into the arena thinking, "Tonight, they're going to know how good I am."

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The Last Thing You'll Ever See

FINISHER

✱ Daniel Bryan's Uppercut ✱

In truth, this issue's edition of "The Last Thing You'll Ever See" is something of a misnomer, because when it comes to Daniel Bryan's finisher, you don't actually see it. A fist flies at you, then sails past your chin, setting you up for the elbow strike you never expected. The American Dragon's European Uppercut is a breathtaking maneuver that he occasionally uses to put his opponents down on the canvas swiftly—or out of the game entirely. Chavo Guerrero, both a giver and receiver of this devastating move, has this to say: "The reason the European Uppercut is so powerful is that, when you step into it, you really bring your whole forearm and bicep right through your adversary. It can be so much more effective than a regular punch. If you do it right, you'll lift your opponent right off his feet."

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